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Free expungement clinic offered at Christian Neighbors

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

On Friday, Aug. 15, Christian Neighbors will host a free Expungement Fair & Resource Clinic.

The clinic, scheduled to run from 12 to 4:30 p.m., will help eligible individuals clear their criminal record and is open to all Michigan residents.

Tess Strasser from the Allegan County Public Defender's Office is helping to organize the clinic.

"The idea for the expungement clinic was inspired by the passage of Michigan's Clean Slate Act in 2021, which allows eligible individuals to apply for expungement after meeting specific criteria and waiting periods," Strasser said.

Attorneys from the Allegan Public Defender's Office previously volunteered at a clinic hosted by Safe & Just Michigan.

"(At the earlier clinic), our attorneys witnessed the powerful impact expunging criminal records can have on people's lives," Strasser said. "Motivated by that experience, we sought to bring a similar initiative to Allegan County to help local residents—and other Michigan residents—navigate the expungement process and access new opportunities."

Individuals can apply for expungement after three years from conviction for non-serious misdemeanors, five years for felonies and seven years for multiple felonies.

"(The Clean Slate Act) also grants expungements for most traffic offenses and expedited expungements for marijuana-related convictions," Strasser said.

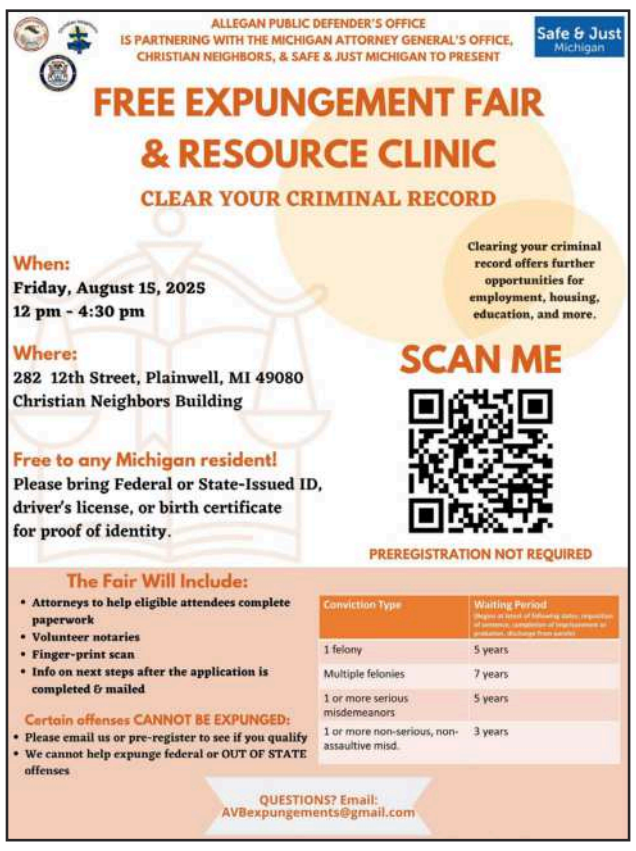
The Michigan Attorney General's Office, Safe & Just Michigan and Michigan State Police are joining Christian Neighbors and the Allegan County Public Defender's Office to present the expungement clinic.

Michigan Works and Friend of the Court will also have informational tables set up.

"Christian Neighbors is excited to partner with these other great organizations to offer this service to the community," said Kim Shaffer, program director at Christian Neighbors.

Shaffer said this clinic is a perfect example of the kinds of programs Christian Neighbors was hoping to host when it opened its Education Resource Center in 2023.

"We intentionally designed an event space that would be used for large events such as this, that would benefit the greater good of the community," Shaffer said. "We see firsthand on a regular basis the barriers that a criminal record can impose on individuals and families who come to us for services. It inhibits their ability to find proper and affordable housing and rewarding employment.



"Part of our mission is to help people become stabilized in their homes and prosper in the community. Having access to record expungement is certainly a big step in the direction of stabilization."

Those attending the clinic can expect the following services:

*** Background Check & Eligibility Screening**

Staff begin by running a background check to determine whether an individual qualifies for expungement under Michigan law.

*** Legal Assistance**

If eligible, an attorney assists with completing the application and provides guidance on the next steps.

*** Notarization**

A notary is available onsite to officially notarize the completed application.

*** Fingerprinting**

The Michigan State Police are present to conduct required fingerprint scans.

*** Mailing Support**

Participants receive pre-labeled and stamped envelopes addressed to the appropriate agencies, making it easy to submit their applications.

"All these services at the clinic are free of charge, thus helping to break down the financial barrier to helping those who are seeking successful expungement of their records," Strasser said.

Those planning to attend the clinic will need to bring a federal or state-issued ID, driver's license or birth certificate for proof of identity.

"Clearing a criminal record can be life-changing," Strasser said. "It creates new opportunities in housing, employment and education.

"Many of the individuals we represent at the Public Defender's Office are navigating the criminal justice system due to circumstances tied to poverty, lack of resources or other systemic barriers. One mistake, especially one made under difficult conditions, should not define a person's future.

"This clinic is about helping people move forward and not causing added financial strains of trying to navigate expungement on their own. By partnering with organizations like Michigan Works and the Friend of the Court, we're making sure attendees not only understand the expungement process, but also have access to support services that can help them beyond the clinic."

Individuals are encouraged to pre-register for the event at https://bit.ly/4k4yuO0. Pre-registration is helpful because it allows staff to pre-screen participants for eligibility, ensuring the clinic can provide meaningful support toward clearing their criminal records.

Limited parking at Christian Neighbors (282 12th St., Plainwell). Overflow parking will be available next door at the Hope Lutheran Church.

According to Shaffer, wait times could be up to two hours, so participants should be prepared for that. Wait times are expected to be longer at the beginning of the clinic.

"We encourage folks to wait and stagger when they arrive, as later in the day tends to be less wait time," Shaffer said.

Otsego senior builds tennis storage shed for Eagle Scout project

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Equipment for the Otsego High School tennis teams—such ball carts, ball machines, nets and scorecards—has been stored in a shared locker room in the high school.

Simon Pobocik, a member of the boys tennis team, knows first-hand this isn't the most convenient location for the equipment.

"The locker room is a good distance away from the courts on which we play," he said.

So, Pobocik decided to do something about it.

In need of a community-service project to help him earn Eagle Scout status, Pobocik decided to build a storage shed near the tennis courts to store the equipment.

Pobocik spent the first several days of his summer vacation constructing the 8-foot-x-12-foot unit.

"Having the equipment in a closer location will make it so we can get to practicing much quicker and it will allow for more time towards the end of practice to actually practicing instead of wheeling the carts and other equipment back to the locker room," he said. "(That's how) I landed on building a shed close to the tennis courts."

The community-service project was the final step Pobocik needed to take in order to become an Eagle Scout.

"This project is the last step in an extremely long and challenging journey," he said. "I have been a scout since the first grade and have learned many amazing things along the way. Completing this project will be the biggest accomplishment thus far throughout my scouting experience."

The only stipulation for the project was that it had to benefit the community.

Once he came up with the idea of building the storage shed, Pobocik talked with OHS officials and received approval from the scouts to move ahead with the project.

According to Pobocik, his time in scouts has taught him many valuable lessons. That includes leadership, problem-solving, decision-making and communication.

He said being an Eagle Scout is more than just a rank or a way of identification.

"It means living by a code of honor, providing service to those in need, making responsible decisions and owning up to your mistakes," he said. "It's about being a friendly face and a helpful person, and most importantly doing the right thing simply because it's the right thing to do.

"That's what being an Eagle Scout means to me."

While the project was Pobocik's brainchild and he is the one doing the bulk of the work, he made it clear that he couldn't have done it without help.

"I have had a massive amount of help from family, friends, local businesses, community members and the school to make this project possible," he said. "Without their help, this project wouldn't have been possible."

Otsego High School student Simon Pobocik poses by the storage shed he constructed for the school's tennis program. (Photo provided)

Fourth of July events planned

By Gari Voss

The 4th of July is at hand, and the fireworks tents have popped up like dandelions on a spring lawn. Backyard celebrations are being planned, and multiple levels of explosives are being purchased. In addition, small and large communities are offering 4th of July celebrations with fun, music and more fireworks. Be sure to enjoy the celebrations while staying safe.

The 4th of July 2025 falls on a Friday, but several communities will begin celebrating on July 3rd. Other towns and villages will offer extra activities on days other than the 4th.

As people plan to celebrate, there are several things to remember:

It has been hot across Allegan County and fires can start easily.

Fireworks are DANGEROUS. Take precautions when lighting them.

Do not let children play with ignited fireworks or sparklers.

Make sure fireworks are legal in the area they are used.

Keep a bucket of water or garden hose handy.

Light fireworks one at a time, then move away quickly.

Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.

Never use fireworks while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Be sensitive to animals in the area. Dogs, cats, horses, etc. can become very agitated by the sounds and lights.

Opportunities to attend larger firework displays across Allegan County can be found in even our smaller communities. Have a safe Independence Day celebration!

Lake Doster, Plainwell: Friday, July 4, 2025

Enjoy a day celebrating America's independence at Lake Doster!

9 am - A 3K/5K run/walk/stroll.

Noon - bike parade begins at Horseshoe Court and ends at the beach. Do not pass the fire trucks and stay in the right lane.

12:30-3:30pm - A beach party will be followed by

1:30 p.m. - Canoe races

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Allegan County Spectacular spotlights youth livestock

By Gari Voss

The showmanship classes are the beginning of the goat competition during the Allegan County Spectacular on June 14, 2025, at the Allegan Fair Grounds. Competitors hope to show their animals in ways that will gain points in the MI Show program.

The Allegan County Fairground opened their gates on June 14-15, 2025 to the Allegan County Spectacular Livestock Show. This was really a doubleheader for beef and goats, and lambs. The sanctioned shows were organized by the Allegan County 4-H Livestock Leaders with exhibitors comprised of youth ages 8 – 20 years old from Michigan and other states.

4-H leader Kristina Van Order assisted in coordinating the two-days that allowed participants to parade their goats, lambs, and beef before judges. For many of the youth, this was an extremely important show because it was the last one of the seasons during which points could be accumulated for the MI Shows, MCLA (MI Club Lamb Association) Youth Challenge, and MI Club Goat Association Youth Challenge programs.

VanOrder shared that during the Saturday show, 56 goat exhibitors showed 91 goats to the judge. In addition, 58 lamb exhibitors showed 106 lambs. Sunday's shows brought 82 cattle exhibitors who showed 113 head of cattle to the judges. These young showmen came from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

The judicators are an extremely important element of these competitions. They not only rank the animals and their handlers into places for points, but they give explanations and pointers for the youth so they can make improvements before the next show.

"Our Goat and Lamb Judge, Colin Deno, came to us from Dansville, IN," explained VanOrder. "Our cattle judge was Rob Rogers who came to us from Kendallville, IN."

The showmanship classes demonstrate how well the competitors work with their animals. They must present as a team to exhibit the best parts of the animal and correct any flaws the animal may have.

The showmanship classes lead into a breeding or market class. The breeding type classes are for the female animals, weather a Doe in the goat show, a Ewe in the lamb show, or a heifer in the cattle show. All females were judged on their conformation and if the judge consideres the entry as a good producer when it is their time to have offspring and become mothers.

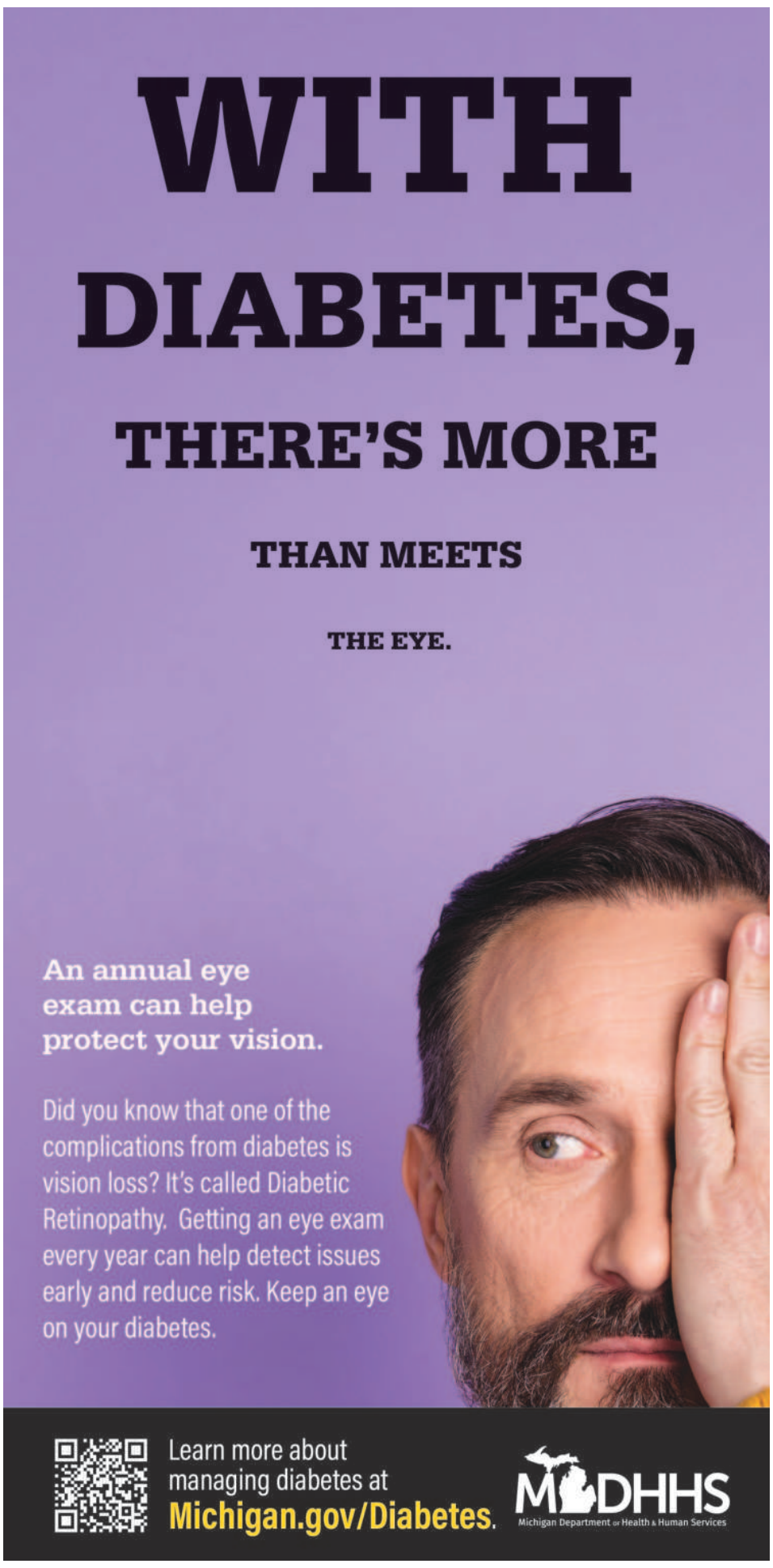
In the cattle show, classes included Prospect Calves during which calves born in 2025 were judged on how the judge thought they would mature in the future. Then the market class began. This class judges the animals on their muscles and if they will be at a marketable weight for a high-quality product in the end. The animals are judged on conformation, structural soundness, muscle mass, and fat cover.

VanOrder explained, "Market animals weather its cattle, lambs or goats, have the same kind of end point, and that is to produce high-quality meat for consumers."

MI Shows, MCLA Youth Challenge, and MI Club Goat Assoc. Youth Challenge are youth programs that recognize Michigan's youth beef, goat and lamb exhibitors who participate in sanctioned shows. The elements focus on showmanship, educational contests and activities. The points earned for places are tracked for market animals that are owned, bred and owned, and Michigan bred, showmanship, and Extra Mile contests and activities.

These programs encourage youth to participate in animal husbandry, develop leadership, promote education, and recognize youth for their efforts. The young exhibitors travel around Michigan to accumulate points during the show season. The award presentations for the Cattle exhibitors will be June 28 at the MSU Pavilion, the award presentation for the lamb exhibitors will be in September and for Goat exhibitors awards presentation will be in October. For Allegan County youth, the shows can lead to the Allegan County Fair competition and auction in early September.

Brianna Gerwig proudly displays the beef steer and banner for her overall placing during the Allegan County Spectacular Livestock Show at the Allegan County Fairground on Sun., June 15, 2025. The placement will add to Brianna's points for the MI Shows livestock program.



The City of Allegan approves sale of once Girl Scout property

By Gari Voss

The City of Allegan's councilmembers took time to complete some prior business and set dates for Public Hearings. An important Public Hearing will occur on July 14, 2025 when the council does the Second Reading of and Public Hearing for the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. Though there was still concern with traffic movement to enter the Girl Scout property where a small residential area is planned, the majority of members supported the sale which would allow the development company to move forward.

City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance

The Council did its first reading of Ordinance 529 to adopt the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map. City Manager Joel Dye reminded the Council that the Allegan Planning Commission did an extensive review and alignment of the City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map and had taken almost one year to align it to the city's Master Plan. The Zoning Map demonstrates flexibility in developing housing. Through the Commission's Public Hearing that began April 21, 2025, and ended June 16, 2025, the Commission heard no comments and unanimously approved the ordinance with minor amendments. The recommendation was made to present the revised City of Allegan Zoning Ordinance to the City Council for final approval.

The Public Hearing was scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2025, during the regular City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens spoke regarding the need for diversity and culture to strengthen the community.

Scott Beltman spoke about the overflow county parking lot. The County Commissioners will be discussing the future of the parking lot at their next meeting.

REPORTS

The June 2025 **Downtown Development Authority** highlights were shared by City Manager Joel Dye. With the resignation of Mark Heather, Nicole Heslip was elected Chairperson and Steve Tibbitts as Vice Chairperson. Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson shared an update on the Hubbard Street Parking Lot, the Water Street Parking Lot, and Mahan Park Improvement Projects. The Wayfinding Signage Program has reached the point of requesting bids for the fabrication and installation of parking lot signs. The parking lot signage is the first phase for the Wayfinding Project. The Downtown Allegan 5-Year Master Plan review will be a workshop-style meeting, and the plan is scheduled to be completed during 2025.

City Manager Dye and Assistant Johnson shared the budget for Chestnut, Trowbridge and Walnut Streets that are within the DDA's boundaries. Three more bike racks are to be installed to complete the collaboration between the Allegan Tech Center and RCI Adventure.

The June 2025 **Public Spaces Commission** meeting shared that the Allegan Rotary Club had a desire to assist with getting the pollinator garden off the ground at the Sports Complex this fall. This would be in the "practice" football field area. The Oakwood Cemetery entrance from Arbor Street received four quotes for masonry repair on the columns. One bid would be recommended to the City Council after July 1st. Now that the Living History Cemetery Tour has concluded, the Friends of Oakwood Cemetery will concentrate on Wreaths Across America on December 13th. Items discussed were the sale of the Girl Scout Property for $100,000 for a 38 unit residential development, and the Rock the Block clean-up event in the Rossman Park Neighborhood on Saturday, September 20, 2025, with a rain date of September 27th. The concerns were raised regarding owners cleaning up their dog waste and the enforcement of fines, the use of wheeled bikes, scooters and skateboards on sidewalks, and the need for signage at crosswalks.

The June 2025 **Planning Commission Meeting** reviewed the Draft of the Zoning Ordinance with City Manager Joel Dye and Lori Costello. After discussion, the commissioners asked the staff to change the zoning map for property at the Swan Avenue and M-89 intersection from commercial to residential and the property near Ridge Court and Airway Drive from mixed industrial commercial to residential. With those changes, the commission was ready to send the draft to the City Council. Attention was then turned to the draft Master Plan and the setting of a subcommittee to review the plan and share it with Allegan Township. Dye also reviewed plans for the former Girl Scout Camp and former bowling alley.

Public Safety

City Police Chief Jay Gibson requested that the council approve PO 25-0821 to Axon Enterprises for the purchase of 9 body cameras and 4 in car cameras in the amount of $124,872. The current cameras are failing and at the end of their cycle. The department has held off on making budgeted purchases over the last couple of years. The new Axon cameras are a better project and can send digital videos to the county. In addition, the redaction software is much more efficient and technologically advanced. There are plans to bundle equipment in the future when replacements are needed. The motion carried.

Public Works

Underground Electrical Service. Public Works Director Doug Kadzban requested the approval of PO 26-0819 and a Budget Adjustment to Consumers Energy for Underground Electric Services in the Hubbard Parking Lot in the amount of $3,272.95. The services would affect the Regent Theater, 221 Trowbridge, the Eagles and 108 Chestnut. It would not affect Positive Options. The underground will eliminate above ground wires that crisscross the parking lot but will require upgrading meter sockets and some other components. It will not change the high power lines that are higher above the parking lot. Consumers does the underground lines and Windermere needs to change the meters to bottom feed. The motion to postpone approval to put the wires underground was tabled until the July 14, 2025, meeting when more information was received on the cost of changing meters.

Potential Grant for Safe Streets & Roads. City Manager Dye updated the Council on the U.S. Department of Transportation grant that could fund improvements of city streets. The grant would address deficiencies such as the pedestrian crossing along M-222 over the Kalamazoo River and over M-40/M-89 North, vehicular traffic along Sherman Street and the M-40/M-89 intersection, and all pedestrian ramps at street intersections. It is estimated that these improvements would cost $300,000 and the city would need to make a 20% match, or $60,000. The city's portion can be paid over three years. But, before the application can be completed these improvements must be in a comprehensive safety action plan. Abonmarche will submit the grant application on the city's behalf since it is due June 26, 2025. If the grant is received, further discussion will be had for funding the $60,000.

Administrative Services

Paying of Bills. The request to approve accounts payable in the amount of $343,636.13 and payroll in the amount of $121,880.62 for a total disbursement of $465,516.75 passed.

OPRA Certificate Transfer. The request to adopt Resolution 25.18 to transfer OPRA (Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Application) Certificate for 132 Hubbard Street from ONE Enterprise to Laxamyri Holdings, LLC was approved. The State of Michigan had approved the exemption but required the approval of the local agency of government. It was approved to transfer the OPRA that will expire on December 31, 2030.

Wage Increase. Request to adopt Resolution 25.19 approving a wage increase of 4% for Non-Union employees for Fiscal Year 2026 was approved. The increase is already in the budget.

4th Quarter Budget Adjustment. Request to adopt Resolution 25.20 to Approve FY2025 4th quarter budget adjustments. These budget adjustment requests were approved previously, and this final approval ends the fiscal year within budget parameters.

Hearing for Sherman Street Intersection. The Public Hearing and Approval of Resolution 25.21 regarding the sale of city owned land near Sherman Street and 115th Street Intersection to Western Ave Holdings, LLC for $10.00 and to vacate an old right of way in the general area passed. The piece of real estate is of no use to the city but can assist the new owners of the former Sunset Lanes with developing that corner.

Landmaster AMP. It is time to upgrade machinery to do tasks around the city including plowing city sidewalks in winter. The request to approve P.O. 26-0820 to Vanz Lawn & Garden in the amount of $24,721.99 for the purchase of a Landmaster AMP UTV with snowplow was approved.

Insurance Counseling. The request to approve an Insurance Counseling Service Agreement in the amount of $4,500 with Phil Siegler of Bartz Rumery Agency to serve as the City of Allegan Insurance Consultant was passed. This is a renewal with Siegler who has assisted the City over the years.

Insurance Policy Renewals. The request to approve the renewal of various insurance policies for the City of Allegan and authorize the payment of the related invoices totaling $212,043.00 was passed.

Sale of the Girl Scout Property. Approval of a Purchase and Development Agreement to sell city owned parcels 03-51-235-004-00 and 03-51-200-016-00 to the Allegan Development Co. for the sale price of $100,000 for development motion carried 5 yeah and 1 nay. This included some changes in semantics, or wording, to align with the business' wishes. Once approved, the Planning Commission will monitor the progress. The agreement includes giving the lower portion of the property to the Allegan Conservation District for a learning lab. During Public Comments, several residents of the existing neighborhood again voiced their thoughts on why the land should not be developed because of increasing traffic and infrastructure in the neighborhood.

Review of Bridgefest 2025. Assistant City Manager Parker Johnson shared a recap of Bridgefest 2025. An estimated 2,000 people came through the city to enjoy the activities. New additions included the Smash Station, Plein Air Painting on the River, The Pub Run

and the Downtown Throwdown Urban Disc Golf Tournament. The Art Market featured 9 vendors, and the Community Tents drew 19 local organizations and businesses. After expenditure, $4,615.70 was generated from 10% of food sales and attractions of carnival and Smash Station plus $3000 in sponsorships that will be used for future Bridgefests.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Alex Wilkening was appointed to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Dye shared that the first Friday Rollin' on the River had a couple hundred visitors.

ROUNDTABLE

A question arose concerning why a food truck was parked in front of Minnie's at 2pm. This was in line with the rules since the café was not open at that time.

A request was made to create a sub-committee to do a holiday light competition. The suggestion was made that a community group would need to be formed to look into the project. The community group would plan and promote the event and find the funding. Examples would be the Brew Hop and the Disc Tournament during Bridgefest.

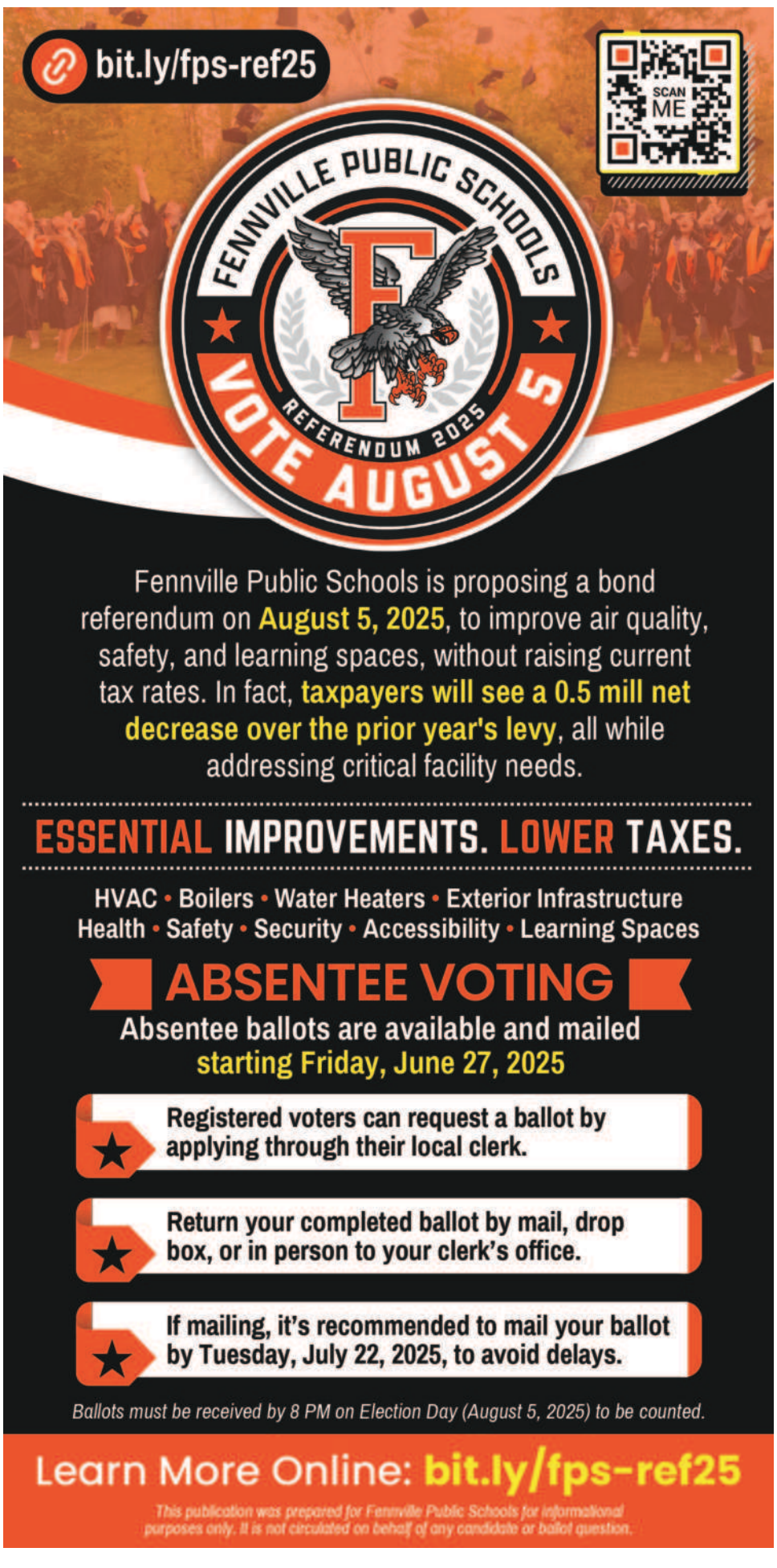
Councilmember Walker shared his beliefs on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion. He expressed that diversity, equity and inclusion are extremely important for a just and vibrant community. Every individual regardless of race, religion, gender identity, immigration status or ability brings unique strengths that enrich our city. Walker went on to share his belief in policies that affirm these people who contribute to the city, and we must treat them with dignity. They deserve to not only be seen but heard. Up lifting all people is important. He encouraged everyone "to lead with empathy, courage and conviction."

Councilmember Westover brought up the need to be more specific with letters that go to residents who are out of compliance with city ordinances. Councilmember Hooker followed by saying that those letters were being sent to "occupant", and those pieces of mail are usually tossed.

Councilmember Hooker also shared positive comments received during Bridgefest and pointed out the fun people had at the Department of Water booth with tie-dying.

Councilmember Canales shared that maybe the city should find better ways to be more transparent with the sale of city of property.

Mayor Pro Tem Hanse shared some history on how to present a petition to purchase a city parcel. The council keeps the proposal process open except for a closed session to set a price.



Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of June 23, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

At the Library:

Wed., June 25, 2025, 6pm – Preparing for Retirement: Learn about financial wellness from Ashley Suarez of 5/3rd Bank to help plan for retirement.

Thurs., June 26, 2025, 6pm – Understanding Foster Care Q&A: Ronnie Swank will answer common questions about foster care, support for foster care families, and its impact.

Fri., June 27, 2025, 5-7pm: Downtown Fennville Color Run

Fri., June 27, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan

Fri., June 27, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan – Benefits the Congregational Kitchen

Sat., June 28, 2025, 2-3pm: Tantrick Brewery & Stillhouse Tour
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan, MI

Sat., June 28, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., June 25, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
11am – Drawing Dinos with Corinne Roberts: Ages 6-12 can learn simple drawing techniques using dinosaurs. Register at 269 673-4625.
2pm – Sing Song Family Yoga & Literacy: Children & their caregivers join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm – Preparing for Retirement: Learn about financial wellness from Ashley Suarez of 5/3rd Bank to help plan for retirement.

Thurs., June 26, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Parking Lot Water & Cutler Streets Allegan
Double up food bucks are available at City Hall 231 Trowbridge St. Enjoy a wide variety of fruits and vegetables plus live plants, specialty foods, and crafts.

Thurs., June 26, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am – Preschool Storytime: 3-5 year olds enjoy stories and more.
1pm – Teen Art Class with Mary Clare Johnson: Grades 6-12 can learn the process of utilizing various paints and styles. Register at 269 673-4625.
6pm – Understanding Foster Care Q&A: Ronnie Swank will answer common questions about foster care, support for foster care families, and its impact.

Fri., June 27, 2025, 5-7pm: Downtown Fennville Color Run
As part of 4th Fridays in Downtown Fennville, organizers suggest that everyone were white with colorful accessories. There will be other activities in addition to the runs. Register by 4pm on June 27th at https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?raceId=165240&eventId=964282.
5pm: 1K Race
5:30pm: 5K Race.

Fri, June 27, 2025, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens take over the technology after hours. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., June 27, 7-9pm: Rollin' on the River – Asamu Johnson & the Associates of the Blues
Allegan Riverfront off Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy some Blues.

Fri., June 27, 2025, 8:30pm-12:30am: Glow Disc Golf Night
First Baptist Church S. M-40 Allegan
Fun for the family to support the Congregational Kitchen free meals.

Sat., June 28, 2925: Jumpstart Your Genealogy
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Learn how to explore various aspects of hunting down and organizing family history.

Sat., June 28, 2025, 2-3pm: Tantrick Brewery & Stillhouse Tour
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan, MI
Check out what is happening in Brewer/Distiller Patrick's Stillhouse. Make Reservations at the Taproom.

Sat., June 28, 2025, 2-4pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Eccentric Garden 136 Brady St. Allegan
Learn beginner macrame plant hanger making with guests Knot Ur Mother's Macrame.

Sat., June 28, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.
June 28th, enjoy the Black River Band and El Buen Taco

Mon., June 30, 2025, 4-5pm: Small Business Support Group
Tantrick Brewing 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Current and prospective small business owners can gather to talk and share ideas.

Mon., June 30, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Mon., June 30, 2025, 6pm: BINGO
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
All ages can come and enjoy Bingo.

Wed., July 2, 2025, 6pm: Pintesting: Folding Paper Hand Fan
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Learn to create a folded paper fan. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., July 3, 2025, 5-fireworks: July 3rd Jubilee
Allegan Riverfront Hubbard & Brady Streets Allegan
5-10pm: food & fun; dark: Fireworks

Thurs, July 3 – Sat., July 5, 2025: Watch for area 4th of July celebrations and fireworks.

Sat., July 5, 2025, 10am: Drone Club
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Drop in and enjoy learning how to fly drones.

Sat., July 5, 2025, 10am-5pm: Saugatuck Waterfront Fine Art Fair
Along Butler and Main Streets Saugatuck, MI
The Saugatuck/Douglas Art Club invites artists to participate and community members and visitors to enjoy the variety of fine art created by local artists. This is a juried event, so the offerings will be original.

Sat., July 5, 2025, 7pm: Good Times at the Gazebo – His Boy Elroy
Mahan Park Gazebo Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy great classic rock covers.

Sat., July 5, 2025, 7-10pm: Summer Saturday Concerts & Food Trucks
Pullman Town Square 109th Ave & 56th St.
July 5th, enjoy the Live Bair Band and Taqueria La Tia Linda

Mon., July 7, 2025, 2025, 5-8pm: Fork in the Road, Food Truck Rally
Downtown Allegan. Find your favorite food!

Tues., July 8, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Vets
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Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
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Ribbon Cutting: Kim Hatchel, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, cuts the ribbon alongside Mike Way, Senior Vice President of Supply Chain, Facilities & Real Estate, standing to her left. They are joined by Bronson leaders from lab and imaging teams, facility planning, patient access and Otsego lab staff during the ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the Bronson Imaging & Lab in Otsego.

New Bronson Imaging & Lab Opened June 17 in Otsego

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held with Community Leaders and Chamber of Commerce

Bronson Healthcare expanded services in the Otsego and Plainwell communities with the official opening of Bronson Imaging & Lab on Tuesday, June 17. The facility, located at 1387 M-89 Highway, Suite C – 1.5 miles west of U.S. 131 and across from Arbor Credit Union – was created in response to patient requests for more accessible healthcare options in the area.

To commemorate the opening, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in partnership with the Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce. During the celebration, the Chamber presented Bronson with a certificate from the City of Otsego and a special tribute from the State of Michigan. Remarks were shared by Kimberly Hatchel, Senior Vice President of Bronson Methodist Hospital. Chamber board members and local community leaders also toured the facility.

The new location offers a range of services including blood draws, diagnostic testing, EKGs and X-rays. Patients can walk in without an appointment Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. For those who prefer to schedule ahead, appointments are available for both imaging and lab services at bronsonhealth.com/schedule. A physician order is required prior to any diagnostic testing.

"The Otsego and Plainwell communities have been looking forward to Bronson Healthcare opening a location here," said Miranda Beltran, Executive Director of the Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce. "Having access to lab services close to home is a tremendous convenience for residents. We're proud to welcome Bronson to the community and look forward to the impact they'll have on local healthcare access."

Patients with a Bronson MyChart account can also schedule appointments online at bronsonhealth.com/mychart or in the mobile app under "Schedule an Appointment." While a MyChart account is not required, it streamlines the registration process, provides appointment reminders and offers fast access to test results.

Using a Bronson lab consistently also improves coordination of care, as all test results are securely stored in the patient's electronic health record. This makes it easier for physicians to monitor health changes and make more informed care decisions over time.

For more information, call Bronson Imaging & Lab in Otsego at (269) 308-7070 or visit bronsonhealth.com/locations/bronson-lab-otsego.

State Tribute: Megan Buwulda, Strategic Advisor for Speaker of the House and State Representative Matt Hall, presents a State of Michigan tribute to Kim Hatchel, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Bronson, in recognition of the opening of Bronson Imaging & Lab and to welcome Bronson to the local community. Others pictured from L to R include: Miranda Beltran, Executive Director of the Otsego-Plainwell Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Board member and Modern Woodmen Financial Advisor Tom Holmes.

Construction to begin on M-89

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is investing $2.5 million this summer to improve M-89 in Allegan County.

The first $1.2 million is allotted to resurface 4 miles of M-89/M-43 east of Plainwell, from 8th Street to the Allegan/Barry county line (Doster Road). Construction is expected to begin this week and should wrap up in late August.

The second $1.3 billion is for various improvements to nearly 7 miles of M-89 (Lincoln Road) from 29th Street in Allegan to the Kalamazoo River in Otsego. The project includes chip sealing, joint repair and crack sealing. Work is slated to begin next week and end in late September.

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Okay with bunker busters if they don't lead us to war

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Dropping bunker buster bombs in Iran last week will go down in history as one of the best military operations ever. Our planes went to and left undetected after dropping the world's biggest bombs in an effort to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities built underground into the side of a mountain. We didn't target civilians or buildings, only nuclear facilities and the mission was wildly successful, so says our administration.

We had no choice, say proponents. Iran was going to have nuclear capabilities within months, and no one in the region, particularly Israel, could stand for that. Iran is a rogue regime, creating chaos all over the world.

Although I marvel at our military's operation, as well as what Israel had done in the last week, I'm concerned about the repercussions and the possibility of a protracted war. History has taught us in Viet Nam and Afghanistan, the United States cannot get involved in this type of war.

Supporters of the strike don't necessarily advocate for a full-blown war. Instead, they envision a limited, precise operation targeting critical facilities, especially those involved in uranium enrichment and weapons development. They argue such a move would buy time, disrupt Iran's momentum, and demonstrate the international community's red line is real. I can buy in to this. A quick operation is terrific- just no boots on the ground.

But there are compelling arguments against the bombing and any further action. Retaliation, civilian casualties and regional stability are often stated. Others wonder why we didn't try to continue diplomacy. There are now reports of sleeper cells in the U.S. that might attack some of our facilities. I suspect Iran will respond in some way, but I'm not sure they have the capability to do too much damage.

I would love nothing more than regime change. The fundamentalists that have ruled Iran and its people with an iron fist for nearly 50 years needs to change. 50 years ago, Iran was a progressive country adopting Western culture and ideals, but that ended when protests forced The Shah to escape to exile and the fundamentalists to take over.

However, regime change is not our concern. That is up to the Iranian people. Most Iranians oppose the fundamentalists, but they fear speaking out. Speaking against the regime could result in imprisonment, or death. But now, the regime is barely hanging on with most of their military might and leaders destroyed. It is possible that new opposition leadership will emerge from within. We can only hope.

But for those who support what we accomplished with the bunker busters, the greater danger lies in hesitation—waiting until Iran has crossed a nuclear threshold that cannot be undone. Whether or not one agrees with this viewpoint, it is a perspective rooted in a hard-nosed assessment of national security, historical precedent, and the limits of negotiation.

The question is no longer whether Iran's nuclear program poses a risk—but whether the cost of stopping it through force outweighs the cost of letting it continue. We chose action, versus appeasement, and I believe history will prove our actions to be right.

UPDATED: Since writing this opinion piece it appears President Trump has brokered a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. Our bunker buster strike did not cause an escalation of the war but actually brought the two sides to the negotiation table. Stay tuned. This is a developing story.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

In England, beginning in the 1930s, the most popular male vocal duet was Flanagan and Allen. We hardly ever hear of them anymore, although many of their songs can be found on various social media sites. Their songs were light, filled with a bit of syncopation, close harmony, and left audiences smiling with a renewed sense of hope. Among their big hits was *Underneath the Arches* - the story of two homeless and unemployed men who 'slept rough' underneath the railroad arches. Another was *Run, Rabbit, Run* based on the food rationing during world War Two.

In 1939, at the end of the Great Depression, and just as the Bavarian corporal was about to start World War Two, the British singing duo, brought out a new song: *Are You Having Any Fun?* Unlike some of their other songs, this one is timeless, and it certainly applies to today.

Those of us who are of a certain age probably grew up learning the fun had to be earned. Get your homework done first, then if there is any time left, you can go out and play. Get your chores done and then you can join your friends playing ball. Alternatively, we learned truly valuable lessons about thrift, saving our money, and the necessity of making wise choices. Delayed gratification was a virtue. It was constantly drilled into us in hopes that we would grow up to be thrifty, hard-working patriotic Americans who would shove it to the Commies.

It was all good stuff and important to learn. Sometimes, however, we learned those lessons too well. Like most self-destructive practices, it started out small and very harmless. Indeed, at first it was a good thing.

Decades ago, a classmate saw a Charles Atlas advertisement in the back of an outdoors magazine. A person could sign up with him, get some special formulas and exercise. In a matter of months anyone could become a muscle-bound hunk who would have a great social life. Blake told his parents, and his parents said 'no'. If he wanted to do this, he had to earn the money.

He got some after school and weekend jobs, mainly lawn and garden work and then splitting firewood. He saved all of his money until he had enough to become a young Charles Atlas. The thing was, all that hard work and fresh air, not only put money in his sock drawer, but created the body he wanted without having to spend his money.

So far, so good. By then, something had begun to take over his mind and body. He liked the money, but he truly hated parting with it because he had worked hard to earn it. Blake became a miser. His mother thought it might be a good idea if he had a social life. His answer was, "It would cost me money." When his mother offered to pay for a few dates, Blake suggested she give him the money so he could put it in his bank account. When his mother said he needed to have some fun, he told her that reading his savings deposit book was what he enjoyed the most.

Let's just say that Scrooge had nothing on Blake. I don't know if there was or ever will be a happy ending to his story because he apparently has narrowed his life down to making and holding on to all of his money.

Sadly, there are a lot of stories similar to Blake's. One of the most notorious misers was Hetty Green, the infamous "Witch of Wall Street." She was born into a very wealthy Massachusetts family in 1834, and after the death of a brother, her father was determined she would take over the family fortune and expand it. She did, becoming their accountant at the age of 13. She made a fortune, and was either held in high esteem or hated.

She married well, and to make sure she kept her own wealth, forced her fiancé to sign one of the first pre-nuptial agreements. When he died quite young, she became even more wealthy. And she became more bizarre. She wore nothing but black mourning clothes until they were little more than rags. Soap and water were used with exceedingly great sparseness, and her meals were very plain. By the time she died in 1916, she had converted an original fortune of six million dollars into more than 100 million on liquid assets, and even more in real estate. All told, she was worth over two billion dollars in today's money.

The entire estate was split between her two daughters, with nothing left for charity or anything else. She also left instructions about never invading the principle, and to use their money to make even more. According to the newspapers, her daughters knew how to have fun, and went through a sizeable chuck of the estate before they died. Good for them.

That takes us round the proverbial mulberry bush back to Flanagan and Allen: "You silly old so and so, with all your dough, are you having any fun? What are you getting out of living? What good is what you've got if you're not having any fun?

"Are you having any laughs? Are you getting any loving? If other people do it, so can you, have a little fun"

Sometimes we too closely associate having fun and spending money. To be sure, some types of fun have a cost associated with it. But let's say your dream has always been to go to a professional ball game. If you want the major leagues, you have three easy choices - Detroit or the two teams in Chicago. By the time the game is over there is a chance you have gone through a lot of money. And much of the time, if you look closely at the players, they don't seem to be having a lot of fun playing the grand old game. But go to a minor league team, or some of the local baseball and soft ball league games, and the players are having fun. So is the crowd.

If art is your hobby, we know that going to a big museum can be expensive, but every community with a gallery or two has openings and showings of new artists. One evening a month OxBow School of the Arts in Saugatuck opens up for the public, where guests can wander in and out of studios or buy new art for a reasonable price. Add a stroll through all of the galleries and the summer art shows.

The list goes on. Being intentional about having fun and intentionally making time to have fun is the real ticket to a balanced life.

Here's an idea. Have some fun by annoying people with the question, "Are you having any fun?" or "Are we having fun yet?"

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

It was a busy weekend around the country - the big Army parade in Washington DC, a political assassination in Minnesota, and No King rallies across the country. Your choice - comment on any or all.

-Man at a farm market on M-89: "I started watching the parade on Fox and couldn't stand the announcers acting like a bunch of giddy teenagers. I switched over to C-Span and the adults were in the room."

-Couple, same location: Man: "The politicians that got shot in Minnesota, that was the worst of the weekend." Woman: "I feel so sad for their families. It was so senseless."

-Man who overheard the conversation: "We've always had political assassinations since the beginning of the country, but that doesn't make it right. Makes me sick."

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Me and the kids went to the rally in Douglas, out on the bridge. There was some real positive energy, and I think I needed that."

-Man, "I wish I'd gone to one of those No King events. Last time I protested something was during the Vietnam War. I know some don't like it, but I think it's a good thing when people speak up, as long as its peaceful." Paused, winked, and added, "And sometimes it feels real good to just shove it to The Man, you know what I mean?"

-Couple near the Blue Goose: Woman: "I thought the parade was wonderful. After all that Donald's done for us, he deserved a parade on his birthday."

-Man passing, "Lady, you're full of !@#%&^*()"

-Woman near the Allegan Public Library: "I'd like to send all of them to their bedroom for a LONG time out. This country is moving in a dangerous direction. We need to stop and think."

-Woman near the Huntington Bank, "Can we just have a do-over for that weekend? Please."

-Man, same location: "I'm taking your advice and avoiding as much of the news as possible. All it does is upset me."

-Man near the Allegan Newspaper office: "We need to get back to the basics. Back to the Bible and get into the Word and then repent for how wicked we've become as a nation. This keeps up and God's going to snatch it back from us."

-Man near Sassy Olive: "I watched the parade with the sound off. I liked seeing the soldiers marching down the street. It was like a big history lesson of what they've done for us." When asked why he turned the sound off, he said, "Because I don't need someone yakking all the time, telling me what I'm seeing. I turned it on for the bands."

-Man near the post office: "I'll tell you what I think. I think that this big parade was used by Israel as a big diversion to keep us from thinking too much about they and Iran trying to blow each other up."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Critical of previous administration

Dear Editor:

Able to leap tall language in a single bound or convert any person into a super hero, savor; the battle continues for more versions of reality.

Voters are "awoken-ed" to the religious lefts unusual, hurtful and immoral policies; the previous Federal administration comprised of groups or persons or a person are living illusions of grander. Perpetrating fringe physical, mental, … State and Federal legal corruption.

Obvious to causal observers are the differing views including diversity of actual Democratic actions and policies, history. Remaining unclear is what person or persons or groups were making National decisions? Could their decisions be considered mystical or a miracle?

Of course, using Synthetic Intelligence or magical illusions or creating an impotent-king is the specialty of the previous administration now "wearing no cloths" used frequently, quite frankly, all the time.

Philip Zamlynski

Trump a bully who picks fight with the weaker

Dear Editor:

"Eggs are Expensive Because All The Chickens Are In Congress" and "I protest because it's easier than hiding a family in my attic" were two of the many signs I saw at the No Kings rally in Kalamazoo this past weekend.

It had been scheduled way in advance of Trump's deploying the California National Guard and Marines to Los Angeles without notifying any of the city or state officials. Many wondered if he would have done so if the city had been in a "Red State" like Atlanta or San Antonio and the officials had been of the Republican persuasion.

For some reason I fail to understand why recent Republican presidents have had a compulsion to be what they call "War Time Presidents". George Bush embarked us on two twenty year wars which spent untold time and treasure with questionable outcomes that are still debated today.

Trump, staying closer to home, has started a war against a sizable portion of our own population. Men wearing masks and forcing people into unmarked cars? A finely honed war fighting force like the U.S. Marine Corps dispatched for crowd control? Against fellow Americans? A job for The National Guard? How embarrassing for them! How dangerous for us!

Trump talks tough. But he is actually a bully. And as you've been taught since childhood a bully is actually a weak person with low self esteem.

Throughout his life he has always picked fights with those who are weaker than himself and now that he is "Commander-in-Chief" almost all of us are weaker. And now he loves "his army".

I only wish that he was in love with it enough to not get some doctor to give him a note alleging "bone spurs" to get out of serving when he himself had been called. This inferiority and self loathing is what is behind his love for the military and his being able to disrespect real military heroes and cut funding to veterans programs at the same time without so much as a blink of an eye.

He thinks people who oppose him are "The Enemy". Those who oppose him know that he is.

In the end America may still be "Great" but it won't be America.

David Ohmart

Summer experience enhances career readiness

By Gari Voss

The 2025 Summer Work Experience Program facilitated by Ascend at West Michigan Works! paved a path to employment for 283 applicants. Because of high demand, the 2025 program's enrollment increased. That included 15 student applicants in Allegan County thanks to employers who have opened their doors to the program.

Each spring, individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 are introduced to the Ascend program and are encouraged to complete applications for this Career Readiness Program. Applicants must be willing to complete the appropriate paperwork and participate in virtual and in person mandatory orientation along with participating in workplace experience.

Participants are aligned with employers who have offered to work with West Michigan Works! The businesses believe in providing work experience during which the employees receive mentoring in the workplace and from West Michigan Works!

Once in the program, the Career Readiness participants not only have a real-world work experience with a business from June 23rd through August 1st but are able to explore careers, engage in problem solving in the workplace, and receive soft skills training. This period includes compensation of $14 per hour during their time in the program.

An Allegan County success story emerged through the involvement of Family Farm and Home when in November 2024, they accepted the call to become a participating business. In a previous cohort, Jordan Nabors was assigned to the Allegan store. Through the mentoring of store manager Brandon Kalbach, Nabors undertook a range of tasks designed to develop essential job skills including teamwork, problem-solving, and a strong work ethic.

It was reported, "Jordan demonstrated resilience and determination, ultimately completing the experience and earning a permanent position at the store. In April, Jordan was named Employee of the Month. Encouraged by the program's success, Family Farm and Home is exploring the expansion of its youth employment partnerships to additional store locations across lower Michigan."

"At Family Farm and Home, our mission is to build a family of team members to help our customers and community live, work and grow like we do. Helping youth gain experience and providing them with the opportunity to grow is a win for all," said Kalbach. "Jordan is a successful, goal-driven, and hardworking family member who is continuing to better both his personal and business goals. We look forward to continuing our community support and relationship with West Michigan Works!"

West Michigan Works! provides support to participating employers throughout the process and seeks more businesses interested in mentoring local youth through short- or long-term work experiences.

"We're thrilled to see such strong interest from youth across West Michigan who are eager to build job skills and explore career pathways," said Chad Patton, director of development and innovation, "West Michigan Works! assists young people for the future while giving employers a chance to shape tomorrow's workforce and meet real business needs. We encourage more businesses to get involved and discover the mutual benefits of investing in young talent."

Jordan Nabors joined the Allegan Family Farm & Home "family" through a cohort of the West Michigan Works!. Thanks to businesses that open their doors, young people can get real world work experience and gain skills that lead to permanent employment.

The Allegan County employers that applied to be work experience sites for summer 2025 Ascend Youth Summer Work Experience Program are:

People Helping People of Pullman

Allegan Food Alliance

Family Farm and Home

Adam Russo stated, "In the West Michigan Works! Ascend Youth Summer Work Experience Program, youth receive employment for whatever skill level they have in multiple fields. They are all paid $14 per hour. However, this is different than an internship, in which they may have received prior training. The work experience also differs from an internship because West Michigan Works! partnerships in the community allow youth to connect with local employers and community-based organizations. The summer work experience program takes place every year, with many repeat participants. Each year, they have the opportunity to try out a different work experience. There is also an opportunity for eligible youth to engage in year-round Ascend programming, which offers a variety of other services."

Businesses interested in participating in the Ascend Youth Summer Work Experience Program or other West MI Works! programs can visit https://www.westmiworks.org/employers/.

West Michigan Works! provides a network of employment and training programs and services for employers, employees, and job seekers in Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon and Ottawa Counties. For more information, visit westmiworks.org.

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Summer brings a greater need for blood

By Gari Voss

Summer gets people out of doors and participating in physical activities and group gatherings. It also brings a need for blood and blood components. The Red Cross and Versiti are hosting blood drives across Allegan County to bolster the supply of whole blood and blood components that will be required to meet ongoing health needs and emergency situations. But only about 3% of age-eligible people donate blood yearly.

At this time, type 0 blood, both positive and negative, is needed, but that does not leave out A and B types or other components that are required in the world of medical treatment. An estimated 13.6 million units of whole blood and red blood cells are collected in the U.S. in a year. About 45% of people in the U.S. have Group O (positive or negative) blood with the proportion being higher among Hispanics (57%) and African Americans (51%). Type O negative red cells can be given to patients of all blood types. But because only 7% of people in the U.S. are type O negative, it's always in great demand and often in short supply. While O is often requested, type AB plasma can be transfused to patients of all blood types. Since only 4% of people in the U.S. have type AB blood, this plasma is usually in short supply

Whole blood is often collected, but there are other basic transfusable components that include red cells, platelets, plasma, cryoprecipitated AHF (cyro) and granulocytes.

Whole blood contains all of the components and has a shelf life of 21-35 days. This is the simplest donation because it is used in its original form.

Blood's color comes from the red blood cells (RBCs), or erythrocytes, and is produced in the bone marrow. Red cells carry oxygen from the lungs to the body and take carbon dioxide to the lungs to exhale. The shelf life is up to 42 days and is often needed for trauma, surgery, anemia, blood loss and blood disorders like sickle cell disease. Donors can request RBC donations, or "Power Red" as the red cells are removed from the whole blood.

Platelets, or thrombocytes, are small but mighty. These small, colorless cell fragments made in the bone marrow stick to the lining of blood vessels to stop or prevent bleeding. They have only a 5-day shelf life, but are valuable in cancer treatments, organ transplants and surgery. Donors can request donating only platelets.

Plasma is the liquid in which other components are suspended. Though it is 92% water, it also has 7% proteins (albumin, gamma globulin and anti-hemophilic factor), plus 1% mineral salts, sugars, fats, hormones and vitamins. It helps maintain a satisfactory blood pressure and volume. Plasma is critical for blood clotting and immunity. Plasma must be frozen within 24 hours of donation and can be stored for up to a year.

Cryo, or Cryoprecipitated Antihemophilic Factor, is the clotting factor in plasma. Since it is associated with plasma, it can be frozen and kept for up to one year. This component is needed for hemophilia and Von Willebrand disease.

White cells, or leukocytes, are required to help the body defend itself against disease. There can be concerns when giving white cells because they can carry viruses that suppress the immune system and release toxins. Therefore, leukocytes are usually removed from other transfusable blook components.

Granulocytes are a type of white cell necessary in protecting the body against infection by surrounding and destroying bacteria and viruses. Thus, they are used in treating infections that do not respond to antibiotics. Because granulocytes must be used within 24 hours, they are not taken until the last minute.

Facts About Blood Needs

Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and or platelets.

Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed every day in the U. S.

Nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6.500 units of plasma are needed daily in the U.S.

Nearly 16 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S.

Sickle cell disease affects 90,000 to 100,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with this disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require blood transfusions throughout their lives.

The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 units.

A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 units of blood.

Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured; they can only come from volunteer donors.

The blood type most often requested by hospitals is type O.

According to the American Cancer Society, more than 1.9 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.

"To know that my blood, O negative blood, is literally the doctors' and emergency rooms' first line of defense, it is very important for me to donate, and donate on a regular basis,"

Ben Clark., a type O negative donor.

Any healthy person can choose to give blood, or blood components. Both the American Red Cross and Versiti bring mobile blood drives to Allegan County. Making a reservation decreases any waiting time, but drop ins are welcome.

Some of the opportunities near the end of June and through July include:

Versiti - https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip

June 26, 2025, 2-6:30pm: Gobles High School – Lions for Life

June 30, 2025, 1:30-6:30pm: Fennville Area Fire Department

July 1, 2025, 1-5pm: Ganges United Methodist Church

July 6, 2025, 10am-4pm: Gun Lake Casino

July 12, 2025, 10am-3pm: Sandy Pines

July 22, 2025, 2-6:30pm: Staints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church

July 23, 2025, 11am-3pm: Ascension Borgess Allegan Hospital

July 25, 2025, 11:30am-4pm: Tantrick Brewing, Co.

July 31, 2025, 2:30-7:00pm: Ransom District Library, Plainwell

American Red Cross - https://www.redcross.org

July, 1, 2025, 11am-5pm: Hopkins Community Church

July 8, 2025, 12-6pm: Otsego VFW Post 3030

July 16, 2025, 11:30am-5:30pm: Griswold Auditorium, Allegan

July 17, 2025, 12-6pm: First Baptist Church, Allegan

July 23, 2025, 11:30am-5:30pm: Griswold Auditorium, Allegan

July 29, 2025, 12-6pm: First Congregational Church, Otsego

July 31, 2025, 12-6pm: Hamilton Reformed Church

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Campers win at Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble

By Gari Voss

The winning men's team of the Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble on June 21, 2025, at Cheshire Hills Golf Course consisted of Jeff Nooney, Justin Norman, Jimmy DeJonge and Jack Beckers. The competition was hot not only between teams but with weather conditions. Even with the warm temperature, a gentle breeze, the trees and foliage made for a beautiful day to be on the course raising funds for the campers while having a wonderful time. Photo: J. Nooney

The weather was hot and so were some of the golfers for the Camp Kidwell Golf Scramble on Saturday, June 21, 2025. The beauty of Cheshire Hills Golf Course was blessed with a breeze that rustled the trees and adjusted the flight of the ball. But all 36 teams finished with smiles on their faces and appetites for the wonderful lunch of burgers, grilled chicken and all the sides provided by the Cheshire Hills kitchen staff.

Jamie Marcus spent her first time keeping track of paperwork for the tournament and shared that the day was definitely fun.

"We had a capacity of 36 teams for the shotgun start at 9am, which left 9 holes at Cheshire Hills available to those who were not playing in the tournament," reported Marcus. "It was also a big win for the campers because of the money raised which looks to be over $20,000."

Prizes were given for a number of reasons.

Overall winners:

Men's team: Jimmy DeJonge, Jeff Nooney, Justin Norman, Jack Beckers

Women's team: Fran Tucker, Lydia Kuyana, Patty Haw, Shannon Miller

Mixed team: Tim and Wendy Graves, Shannon and Jenny Radcliff

Course Contests:

Women's longest drive on a fairway: Shannon Miller

Men's longest drive on a fairway: Shannon Radcliff

Closest to pin on second shot: Nathan Suchecki

Closest to pin on a tee shot: Bob Crosser and Lydia Kuyana

Longest birdie putt made on green: Miguel Salazar

Longest putt made on green: Patty Haw

Closest to pin on tee shot: Jared Brown

Closest to pin on tee shot: Lyle Lugten

Closest to 150 yard marker on tee shot: Miguel Salazar

To keep the action moving throughout the 18 hole competition, there were other side activities. The players had Betting Hole contests, an Ax Throwing contest with a foam ax and a bullseye, and three Blind Draw prizes. Added to the mix was a hole in one contest with a $5,000 prize, but sadly, there was no winner.

While the playing was warm on the fairways and greens, the online auction was heating up. With a fantastic number of items on which to make bids, participants enjoyed checking to make sure their bid would win the item. The receipts from the auction will be about $6,000 of the total for the day.

The Camp Kidwell Scramble and the Festival of Trees are two of the main fundraisers that assist in the upkeep of the camp, camp staff pay, and camper scholarships. The camp leadership and Board thank all who participated in the tournament and donated sponsorships. It was a great day for kids!

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Abandoned, unused, unplugged wells threaten groundwater resources and public health. Contaminants from the surface such as fertilizers, pesticides or other run off water, can easily move downward through the unsealed, abandoned well and enter the aquifer. These contaminants may end up in your drinking water well, your neighbors well or the local community drinking water wells.

The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF SALEM
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SALEM, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinances were adopted by the Salem Township Board at a regular meeting held Tuesday, April 8th, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-8-2025:

SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY.

a. FROM V-R VILLAGE RESIDENTIAL TO V-C VILLAGE COMMERCIAL:
   i. 3260 142nd Avenue, also known as permanent parcel number 03-19-020-006-00 and any/all resulting child parcels thereof; legally described as: BEG 227' W OF NE COR NE 1/4 TH W 1383.04' TH S 233.98' TH S 37 DEG 35'17"E 159. 77' TH E 1286.18' TH N 360.08' TO POB SEC 20 T4N R13W.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
These Ordinances shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Salem Township Ordinance 4-8-2025 and is available at Salem Township Hall, 3003 142nd Avenue, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Salem Township Clerk.

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AVISO DE INSCRIPCIÓN
PARA LAS ELECCIONES DEL 5 DE AGOSTO DE 2025 EN LAS SIGUIENTES CIUDADES Y MUNICIPIOS DEL CONDADO DE ALLEGAN EN EL ESTADO DE MÍCHIGAN

A LOS ELECTORES AUTORIZADOS DE ESTAS CIUDADES DEL CONDADO DE ALLEGAN: FENNVILLE; DE ESTOS MUNICIPIOS DEL CONDADO DE ALLEGAN: CLYDE.

QUEDA NOTIFICADO que se harán elecciones el **martes, 5 DE AGOSTO DE 2025**. El último día para inscribirse de cualquier manera que no sea en persona con el funcionario local es el lunes, 21 de julio de 2025. Las personas que se inscriban entre el 22 de julio y el 5 de agosto podrán hacerlo en persona ante el funcionario local con una prueba de residencia (MCL 168.492) en los siguientes lugares:

Municipio	Horario de atención normal	Horario de atención de fin de semana el 2 o 3 de agosto
Ciudad de Fennville, 125 S. Maple St., Fennville MI 49408	De lunes a viernes, de 8 a. m. a 4:30 p. m.	Sábado, de 8 a. m. a 4 p. m.
Municipio de Clyde, 1679 56th St., Fennville MI 49408		Sábado, de 8 a. m. a 4 p. m.

Todas las oficinas administrativas de la ciudad y del municipio mencionadas estarán abiertas de 7 a. m. a 8 p. m. el día de las elecciones, 5 DE AGOSTO DE 2025, para los votantes inscritos.

LAS PERSONAS CON NECESIDADES ESPECIALES, TAL COMO SE DEFINEN EN LA LEY PARA ESTADOUNIDENSES CON DISCAPACIDADES, DEBEN COMUNICARSE CON LA SECRETARÍA CORRESPONDIENTE.

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Bob Genetski, funcionario/certificador del condado de Allegan

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE AUGUST 5, 2025 ELECTION IN THE FOLLOWING CITIES AND TOWNSHIPS IN THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS: OF THESE ALLEGAN COUNTY CITIES: FENNVILLE, HOLLAND, AND SOUTH HAVEN; OF THESE ALLEGAN COUNTY TOWNSHIPS: CASCO, CLYDE, GANGES, GUN PLAIN, LAKETOWN, LEE, MANLIUS, SAUGATUCK, AND VALLEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that an Election will be conducted on **Tuesday, AUGUST 5, 2025**. The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is Monday, July 21, 2025. Persons registering between July 21st through August 5th may do so in-person with the local clerk with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the following locations:

Municipality	Regular Business Hours	Weekend Hours August 2nd
Fennville City 125 S. Maple St., Fennville MI 49408	Mon – Fri 8 am – 4:30 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Holland City 270 S. River Ave., Holland MI 49423	Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm	Saturday 7 am – 3 pm
South Haven City 539 Phoenix St., South Haven MI 49090	Mon – Fri 8 am – 5 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Casco Township 7104 107th Ave., South Haven MI 49090	Tues & Wed 1 pm – 4 pm; Thurs 9 am – 4 pm	Saturday 9 am – 5 pm
Clyde Township 1679 56th St., Fennville MI 49408		Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Ganges Township 1904 64th St., Fennville MI 49408	Mon & Tues 8 am – 1 pm; Thurs 12 pm– 5 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Gun Plain Township 381 8th St., Plainwell MI 49080	Mon – Thurs 8:30 am - 4:30 pm	Saturday 7 am – 3 pm
Laketown Township 4338 Beeline Rd., Holland MI 49423	Mon – Fri 7:30 am – 5pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Lee Township 877 56th St., Pullman MI 49450		Saturday 7 am – 3 pm
Manlius Township 3134 57th St., Fennville MI 49408	Mon & Wed 9 am–4 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Saugatuck Township 3461 Blue Star Hwy., Saugatuck MI 49453	Mon – Fri 8 am – 4 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm
Valley Township 2054 N. M-40, Allegan MI 49010	Mon – Thurs 9 am – 3 pm	Saturday 8 am – 4 pm

All city and township clerk's offices listed above will be open from 7 am to 8 pm on Election Day, August 5, 2025 for the purpose of registering voters.

PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AS DEFINED BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT SHOULD CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE CLERK'S OFFICE.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:
CITY/TOWNSHIP/VILLAGE City Mayor

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE FOLLOWING WILL BE VOTED ON:

Township Proposals
LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP ROAD, NON-MOTORIZED PATHS, AND DRAIN MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSTION and FIRE DEPARTMENT MILLAGE PROPOSITION. **LEE TOWNSHIP** RENEWAL OF MILLAGE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION, UPGRADES, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS. **MANLIUS TOWNSHIP** PROPOSAL TO RENEW EXISTING ROAD MILLAGE, PROPOSAL TO RENEW FIRE PROTECTION MILLAGE, PROPOSAL TO RENEW EXISTING ROAD RESURFACING MILLAGE.

School Proposals
DELTON KELLOGG SCHOOLS Operating Millage Renewal Proposal. **FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** Bond proposal. **SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF HOLLAND** Bond Proposal.

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Contents of Otsego's Elks Lodge offered for purchase

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Demolition of the old Elks Lodge in downtown Otsego is scheduled to begin in mid-July.

Before that happens, Otsego City officials want to provide the opportunity for community members to purchase any of the items that remain in the building, which is located at 113 S. Farmer St.

The sale will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

"We just want to provide community members the chance to come out and see if there's anything they might want before it ends up in a dumpster," Otsego Public Works Superintendent Mike Bosch.

Available items include tables, chairs, plates, dishes, pans, ladders and some appliances.

All sales are final and only cash will be accepted.

"We're not going to preprice the items," Bosch said. "We just want people to come in and, if they see something they're interested in, make an offer. We're not looking to make a lot of money off this. We just want to get rid of as much of the stuff as possible in case there's anyone who wants it."

Even those who don't plan on purchasing anything are welcome to stop by.

"We know there are people who used to go to the Elks Club and they have fond memories of the time they spent there," Bosch said. "So if you just want to stick your head in the door or take one more look around, come on in."

Bosch stressed that the inside of the building likely won't be what many people remember it being.

"It's in a pretty bad state right now after sitting unoccupied for so long," he said. "The roof has started to leak and it's just not in great shape."

City officials held off on demolishing the building in case anyone came forward with a plan for it. No one did.

"We had a couple of people come through and take a look, but too much work would be needed to make the building useable again," Bosch said. "So, we had to make the decision to move ahead with demolition."

At this point, the City of Otsego doesn't have any concrete plans for the space other than to make it into a grassy area.

"Just getting rid of the old building and getting some more open, grassy space will really add to the aesthetics of that area," Bosch said.

Those with questions about the sale should call City Hall at (269) 694-3391.

The Elks Lodge in downtown Otsego is scheduled for demolition in mid-July. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

OPS ends school year with picnic

Otsego Public Schools held its annual end-of-school-year picnic on Wednesday, June 10. This year's picnic featured a farewell address from superintendent Jeff Haase, who is retiring at the end of the month. (Photos provided)

Plainwell man faces multiple weapons charges

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A man was arrested after allegedly threatening another person in downtown Plainwell on Monday, June 16.

According to a release from the Plainwell Department of Public Safety, the man is facing multiple weapon-related charges, including assault with a dangerous weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of North Main Street at approximately 7:30 a.m. after receiving a report of a possible altercation involving a male subject threatening another individual. Officers described the subject as "highly agitated" and "initially uncooperative."

"Officers exercised measured discretion, giving the subject space and engaging in calm dialogue to allow for de-escalation," officials said. "During the interaction, it was determined that the male was in possession of several knives."

After voluntarily surrendering the weapons to officers, the subject was initially released pending further investigation.

While following up on the original complainant, officers obtained additional details regarding the subject's threatening behavior.

"Based on the new information, officers initiated a search for the individual," officials said. "He was located a short time later and taken into custody without incident."

The suspect was transported to the Allegan County Jail, with the Allegan County Prosecutor's Office reviewing the case and authorizing formal charges.

Anyone with information related to this case is asked contact the Plainwell Department of Public Safety at (269) 685-9858.

The Allegan County Sheriff's Office and the Otsego Police Department assisted the PDPS.

Correction

To clarify last week's story on the Plainwell council, elected board position terms are not up, however several appointed members to boards and commissions have terms expired.

Council to look at various items

By John Raffel
Correspondent

PLAINWELL — At the city meeting on June 23, the Plainwell council was slated to consider several pieces of action.

The Council was consider approving amendments to the 2024/2025 budget as presented and to consider adopting a resolution to adjust water and wastewater rates for the new budget year.

The Council was also to consider adopting a resolution to set recycling and bulk trash fee rates for the new budget year and to consider adopting a resolution for general fines and fees effective July 1st, 2025.

Council members were to have a Public Hearing for consideration of the 2025/2026 Plainwell City Budget.

Also under consideration was to consider approving 38 purchase orders for approved work for contract, sole-source and preferred vendors for the new budget year.

The Council was to consider adopting a resolution for the 80/20 Health Care Cost Option for Publicly Funded Health Insurance for the new budget year.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance, as summarized below, was adopted by the Otsego Township Board at a regular meeting held Monday, June 9th, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 332
SECTION I. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO REZONE PARCEL 03-17-017-042-00 FROM THE AG AGRICULTURAL TO THE R-1 LOW DENSITY SINGLE_FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.
This Ordinance shall take effect thirty days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of Otsego Township Ordinance 332 is available at Otsego Township Hall, 3003 142nd Avenue, during normal business hours, or upon request from the Otsego Township Clerk.

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Press Box Perspective

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Let's give Al Avila some credit

The end of the 2024 season was one Detroit Tigers fans won't soon forget.

Sitting at 55-63 on Aug. 10, the Tigers were 10 games out of the final wildcard spot and were given a 0.2-percent chance of making the playoffs.

Now, I'm no professional gambler, but even I know those odds aren't good.

Then something happened. Something unexpected. Something unpredictable. Something, dare I say, magical.

Despite a pitching staff that had been decimated by injury, the Tigers embarked on what can only be classified as one of the most stunning comebacks in MLB history.

They went 31-13 the final month-and-a-half, climbing from the brink of elimination to a playoff berth as the American League's second wildcard team.

The big question heading to the 2025 season was this: Could Detroit carry that momentum into the new campaign and establish itself as one of the top teams in the sport?

At this point, the answer to that question is a resounding "yes."

With the season nearing the halfway point, the Tigers record stands at 49-30 as of Monday, June 23, giving them the best record in the A.L. and an 8.5 game lead over Cleveland in the A.L. Central.

There are many reasons for Detroit's rapid ascension. Those reasons include manager A.J. Hinch and his ability to make the right moves; reigning A.L. Cy Young winner Tarik Skubal's emergence as the best pitcher on the planet; All-Star outfielder Riley Greene leading a group of young homegrown position players; and Javy Baez reestablishing himself as a quality MLB player after struggling mightily during his first three seasons in the Motor City.

Some credit, though, must also go to former Detroit general manager Al Avila.

I know, I know. Some Tigers fans will think I'm crazy for saying that. (In fact, I think I can hear the collective eyeroll.)

But hear me out.

Yes, Aliva made some frustrating decisions during his seven-year stint as G.M. from 2015 to 2022. How bad was it? Well, the Tigers had losing records in the final six of those seven seasons, including last-place finishes three times.

But the fact remains that many of the players who have become key members of the 2025 Detroit roster were drafted by Avila.

In addition to Skubal (who was ninth-round steal by Avila) and Greene, those players include centerfielder Parker Meadows, outfielder/DH Kerry Carpenter, first baseman Spencer Torkelson, infielder Colt Keith and catcher Dillion Dingler along with pitchers such as Will Vest and Casey Mize.

Avila also signed outfielder Wenceel Perez as an international free agent out of the Dominican Republic and traded for starting pitcher Reese Olson when he was a minor leaguer in the Brewers' system.

Look, I'm not saying Avila shouldn't have been fired or that he was an amazing G.M.

But he did acquire some quality players who are now leading the charge of the Tigers' resurgence. And he deserves credit for that.

Dunn enters football coaches' Hall of Fame

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SOUTHFIELD—The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association held its annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Friday, June 20, with 14 coaches being honored.

Saugatuck's Bill Dunn was among the inductees.

"It is such an honor that (the selection committee) felt I was worthy of being inducted into the Hall of Fame," Dunn said. "It shows an appreciation of the work you have done in the field of coaching football and contributions to the game."

Joining Dunn as inductees were: Mike Berutti of West Iron County; Richard Corser of Jackson Lumen Christi; Don Galster of Kelloggsville; David Hills of Boyne City; Jason McIntyre of Mt. Pleasant; Greg Morrison of Jonesville; Tim Parker of Oakridge; David Rickard of Hudson; Glen Samson of Mendon; Jim Sparks of Novi; Les Therrian of St. Ignace LaSalle; Bernard Thomas of Dowagiac; and Walker Zaban of Dearborn Fordson.

"It was pretty overwhelming to know that I was being inducted into the Hall of Fame with so many great coaches," Dunn said. "The program included a list of all of the current members of the Hall of Fame, some that I played for, coached with or coached against."

Dunn arrived on the Saugatuck sidelines in 2003, inheriting a program that was, to put it mildly, struggling.

Saugatuck finished the 2000 season winless at 0-9. With participation numbers dangerously low, it was decided that operation of the football program would be suspended.

Saugatuck avoided that fate, however, as officials from Holland Christian—which was in the process of trying to start a football program—reached out with a proposition: How about the two schools entering into a two-year co-op?

That combined team dropped all 18 games it played and headed into the 2003 season saddled with a 33-game losing streak.

The wins remained hard to come by in Dunn's first season, as Saugatuck again went 0-9 to see its skid hit 42 games.

But things started to change during the 2004 campaign. Not only did Saugatuck win its first three games—by a combined score of 126-38, no less—but it finished the season at 5-4, marking the first winning record since 1996.

By 2008, Saugatuck posted a 7-2 regular-season record and qualified for the playoffs. Two years later, the team appeared in a state championship game for the first time in school history.

Saugatuck football coach Bill Dunn speaks during the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame induction ceremony. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck returned to the title game in 2017.

"There have been a lot of great memories over the last 22 years," Dunn said. "But going from 0-42 to making it to the state championship in 2010 and then again in 2017 are two pretty great memories."

Dunn credits the buy-in from his players and the work ethic of his coaching staff getting the program on a winning track.

"Hard work, dedication, a solid coaching staff, kids buying into the bigger, faster, stronger motto by getting into the weight room and a school community that had our back were the keys for us," he said.

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Top Senior Student-Athletes: Fennville

Lila Rosema prepares to shoot a free throw duirng a game last season. (Photo provided)

Lila Rosema

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Lila Rosema was a preschooler when Fennville High School standout Wes Leonard passed away from sudden cardiac arrest after a basketball game in 2011.

Even though she was too young to personally know Leonard, Rosema was still impacted by his legacy.

"Many kids look up to Wes just as I did although we didn't know him," Rosema said. "His dedication and commitment in high school is something every athlete can learn from."

During her time at FHS, Rosema displayed that same kind of dedication and commitment, which is why the recent grad was selected as the female recipient of the Wesley James Leonard Award.

The Leonard Award is given annually to the top female and male athlete of the FHS graduating class. Rosema's brother Quinn was named the male winner of the award this year.

Rosema was a member of the volleyball, girls basketball and girls track & field teams all four years in high school.

"Athletics taught me many things, but most importantly perseverance and discipline," she said. "Without these things, no athlete can truly be successful. Without discipline no athlete can become their best.

"Being an athlete also taught me that not everything comes easy or natural. But being committed is what makes you excel."

Rosema's initial exposure to athletics came at a young age, as her older siblings were involved in sports.

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Quinn Rosema

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

During his time at Fennville High School, recent graduate Quinn Rosema made his mark on the athletic department as a member of the football, boys basketball, track and baseball teams.

For those efforts, he was male recipient of the Wesley James Leonard Award and co-recipient of the William A. Sexton Award.

The Leonard Award—named after the Fennville standout who passed away following a basketball game in 2011—is given to the top male and female athlete in the graduating class. The Sexton Award is given annually to a Fennville grad who excelled both scholastically and academically.

Given Leonard's continued impact on the Fennville community, receiving the Leonard Award was particularly special for Rosema.

Rosema's sister Lila was this year's female recipient of the Leonard Award.

"I'm so thankful for receiving the Wes Leonard Award," he said. "The impact he and his family have made on the Fennville community is nothing less than significant. Me and my sister are thrilled to be honored this way."

Given his admiration of Leonard, it should come as no surprise that Rosema listed playing in the annual Never Forgotten basketball game as a highlight of his high school athletic career.

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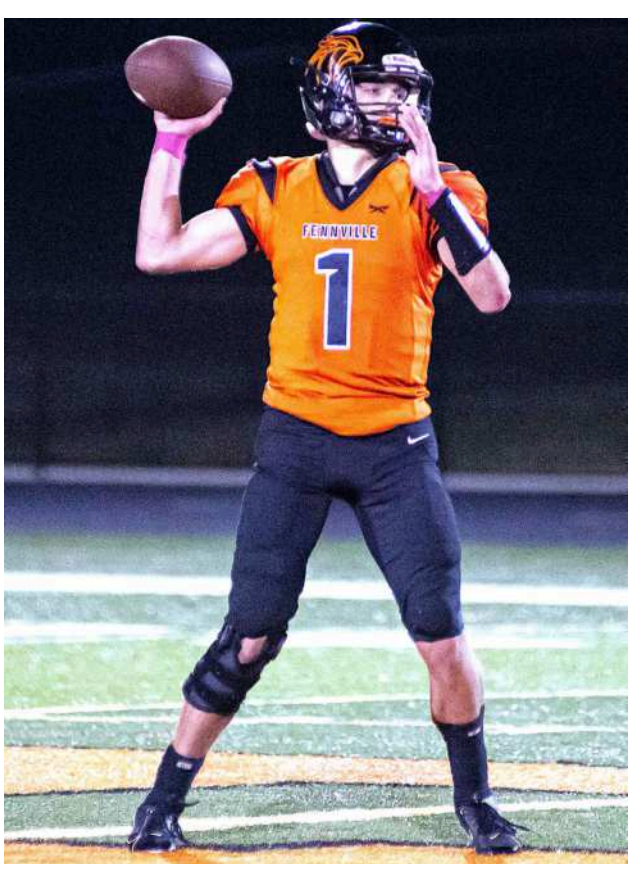

Quinn Rosema listed football as the favorite sport he played in high school. (Photo provided)

Armando Garcia

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Last fall, the Fennville boys soccer team won a district championship for the first time in school history.

According to Armando Garcia, a senior leader on that team, the road to the district title wasn't an easy one. And that's what made it so satisfying.

"We didn't think we would make it far (in the postseason) since some of our key players had graduated the year before," Garcia said. "At times it felt like there was no hope, but as the season progressed we got better and better.

"That journey full of ups and downs was an unforgettable way to end my senior year."

Throughout his time at Fennville High School, 2025 grad Garcia displayed the ability to handle those ups and downs both on and off the field.

For that reason, he was named as the co-recipient of the William A. Sexton Award, which as been given annually since 1960 to a Fennville senior who has excelled both scholastically and athletically.

"Receiving the Sexton Award was a huge honor," Garcia said. "It meant that the hard work I put in over the years both on and off the field didn't go unnoticed. It felt great to be recognized not just as an athlete, but as a leader, teammate and student."

In addition to soccer, Garcia also participated in boys track & field and boys volleyball. Outside of athletics, he was involved in TRIO Upward Bound and marching band.

According to Garcia, lessons he learned from sports help ed him in all aspects of his life.

"Athletics taught me that your mindset is everything," he said. "Whether it's in school, sports or life in general, having a negative mindset will rarely bring positive results. I've always tried to stay positive and focused and that approach has helped me succeed in many areas of my life."

Fennville boys soccer coach Kyle Nevenzel is one of the individuals who modeled that lesson for Garcia.

"What stood out about Coach Nevenzel was his ability to push us while still showing he cared," Garcia said. "He believed in me even when I doubted myself and his encouragement helped me grow not just as an athlete, but as a person.

"His lessons on teamwork and perseverance will stay with me for life."

Garcia began playing sports in first grade, starting with soccer through the local AYSO program. He was hooked from the start.

"What I enjoyed most about playing soccer was being able to share that passion with my dad," he said. "He loves the sport and growing up I looked up to him. I used to watch his games and imagine what it would be like to play alongside him. Now I get to live that dream, as we play on the same team and continue to enjoy the sport together."

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Armando Garcia heads a ball during a soccer game for Fennville. (Photo provided)

Quinn Rosema ■ from Page B1

Quinn Rosema is seen during a basketball game (above) and in a senior photo (below). (Photo provided)

The Never Forgotten game honors Leonard's memory and helps raise money for the Wes Leonard Heart Team, which provides AEDs to schools and other organizations.

"Playing in those games meant a lot to me," Rosema said.

While he enjoyed all of the sports in which he participated, Rosema had a special affinity for the gridiron.

"Football was my favorite," he said. "The camaraderie and trust I built with my teammates meant a lot to me. I believe football affects you different emotionally and physically than any other sport and I have a lot of great memories."

One of those great memories is Fennville winning its homecoming football game last fall.

"That was special," said Rosema, who also participated in National Honor Society and Be Nice in addition to athletics.

Rosema said he can't image his life without sports, having been involved in athletics for as long as he can remember.

"I've always enjoyed being involved in competition and staying active since I was young, around five maybe," he said. "Building a team to win games was always enjoyable, especially with the friends I had been with since I was little."

That concept of building teams is one lesson that Rosema believes he will carry with him into his adult years.

"Teamwork truly makes the dream work," he said. "With that, leadership is needed when forming a team to achieve success."

Dan Rastall is among the coaches who helped teach that lesson to Rosema.

"Coach Rastall is a coach I can always speak highly about," Rosema said. "I've established a connection with Coach Rastall since I was 10 or even younger and has always worked at the betterment of the Fennville school, athletics and community."

In the fall, Rosema plans to attend Western Michigan University to major in sport management.

"My goals moving forward include excelling in school and overcoming any challenges that come my way," he said.

Lila Rosema ■ from Page B1

She started playing organized sports during her final years of elementary school.

"After I started playing sports, I didn't stop," she said. "I continued playing three sports through middle and high school."

In addition to the physical and competitive nature of sports, Rosema also enjoyed the social aspect.

"I enjoyed sports because that is where I made some of my closest friends and I am still friends with today," she said.

In recent years, one sport emerged as Rosema's favorite.

"I really enjoyed basketball because of the environment and the mentality our team had going into games," she said. "No matter who we were playing we had the mentality that we can compete and make it a game."

According to Rosema, Fennville girls basketball coach Cory Howard was responsible for setting the tone for that mentality.

"Coach Howard made the biggest impact on me because of his dedication to the girls basketball program and Fennville athletics as a whole," Rosema said. "He gave up many hours in the summer for workout sessions even when he wasn't the head coach.

"He supports the team and wants us to succeed as well as have fun as a team."

Rosema, who also participated in Be Nice, Student Council, National Honors Society and yearbook, has several fond memories of her time at FHS.

Lila Rosema

"My favorite memory of high school is my freshman year basketball student sections," she said. "I loved getting to sit front row and cheering on our teams.

"Another favorite memory is making the district finals for volleyball my senior year."

Although she plans to stay active throughout her life, Rosema won't be participating in athletics at the collegiate level. Rather, she plans to attend the University of Michigan to major in neuroscience.

She wants to pursue a career in speech pathology or neurology.

"Some goals I have are to excel in school and make a positive impact and difference on people's lives," she said.

Dunn ■ from Page B1

"A lot of it boils down to the relationships you build between your coaching staff and the kids.

"The relationships you build with players is so rewarding. Seeing a team of players grow and develop from seventh graders to seniors and then witnessing that team of players come together as a group to be successful on the field is so satisfying."

The opportunity to coach his four sons—Will, Nick, Blake and Brad—is another highlight for Dunn.

"That 15-year run of coaching my four sons was pretty special to me," Dunn said.

Saugatuck football coach Bill Dunn talks to a Cass Stanberry during a game last season. (Photo provided)

Brad Dunn was a member of the 2017 state runner-up squad.

Dunn's children and wife Bev were among those mentioned prominently in his induction speech.

"My focus was on people, specifically my family, coaches, former players, administrators and the support of our community, all of whom are essential in running a great football program," he said.

Dunn also had special words for former Saugatuck athletic director Dan Wilson.

"Without Dan, I—and my family—would not have had the opportunity to come to Saugatuck and build a successful program," Dunn said. "We moved here, built a home here and became part of the community we are so proud of."

Dunn also thanked his former high school coach Jack Carlson, who did the honors of introducing Dunn at the Hall of Fame ceremony.

"Jack was my coach, became my mentor when I started coaching in 1990 and has been a lifelong friend ever since," Dunn said of Carlson, who is ack is the unofficial MHSFCA Historian and sits on the board of directors.

And as he celebrates reaching the pinnacle of the coaching ranks, what advice would Dunn give to young coaches who are in the early stages of their careers?

"To a new coach, I would say you have to build strong relationships with your athletes and create a positive environment," he said. "Create a winning environment based on hard work, dedication and commitment to the program, which means time on task.

"Winning is fun, but it takes hard work."

Garcia ■ from Page B1

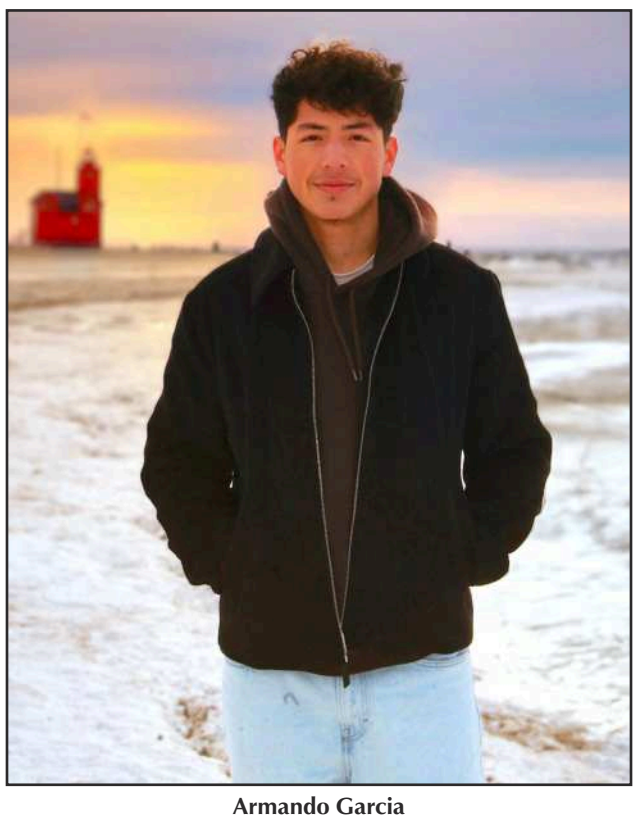
Garcia plans to continue his education at Michigan State University to study civil engineering.

"Some of my goals moving forward are to graduate college while making connections along the way," he said. "These connections will hopefully allow me to get a secure job and potentially start my own company later on down the road."

Speaking of connections, Garcia expressed his undying gratitude for the connections he made during his time at Fennville.

"I just want to say thank you to all my coaches, teammates, teachers and family members who supported me throughout my high school journey," he said. "Everything I accomplished wouldn't have been possible without them.

"I'm proud to have been part of Fennville High School and am excited to see what the future holds."



Armando Garcia

July art fairs planned in Saugatuck/Douglas

By Gari Voss

Artists and art enthusiasts are looking forward to the Waterfront Invitational Fine Art Fair and the Village Square Arts and Crafts Fair hosted by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club. Both events are juried, open-air events that showcase the work of fine artists and artisans in various media.

The Waterfront Invitational Art Fair fills the Park areas along the corner of Main and Butler Streets on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 10am – 5pm.

The Village Square Arts & Craft Fair will be held in the park at the corner of Butler and Main Streets on Saturday July 26, 2025, from 10am-5pm.

The juried fairs ensure that pieces are originals or copies of originals created by the participating artists.

Visitors and Customers will be able to wander along the line of booths that offer paintings, photographs, ceramics, woodcrafts, jewelry, basketry, mixed media, fibers, mosaic, printmaking, and sculpture. The Saugatuck Village Square Park is centrally located, and booths are along walkways which enable easy access and walking.

The SDAC announced that Jon Vanderbeek will be judging the Waterfront Invitational this year. Jon has a 25-year background working in design studios and making things with his hands. Jon takes inspiration from natural history and science, making connections between things designed and things found in nature.

The winners of each show will be announced in the afternoon of the event.

The mission of the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club (SDAC) is to inspire and strengthen the artistic growth of the local visual arts community. What began as art exhibits in and around the Saugatuck Hall in 1953 turned into the original "Clothesline Art Shows" that displayed art hung on clotheslines. The shows were originally for members only but quickly expanded to include non-members and were held at various locations. These shows evolved into the current two main art fairs to support the arts.

When school budgets began to shrink in the 1970s, SDAC stepped forward by earmarking funds to supplement art supply budgets and programming in the elementary and high schools. By 1980, the formal scholarship emerged, and Saugatuck High School students majoring in the arts could apply for scholarship assistance.

Thus, the proceeds from July art fairs will be used to grant scholarships to students studying the arts and to support the arts in the Saugatuck and Douglas areas. Scholarship recipients may be given $4,000, or $1,000 per year for four years, if they are enrolled as full-time art majors at a degree-granting institution. It is estimated that over half a million dollars have been distributed through the scholarship fund.

Many of the recipients of the art scholarships have gone on to successfully pursue careers as practicing artists, performing artists, designers and art educators.

A few scholarship recipients who have been able to turn their art studies into careers include:

Katie Doucette has the Polka Dot Mitten.

Sean Eurich is an industrial designer who worked for Amway and now for Newell Brands designing Rubbermaid and Coleman products.

Allison Jenkins is a "Structural Wovens Designer" for Anthropologie.

Haley Krause is finishing her degree as a medical illustrator.

Zach Wallerius is an art teacher in the Battle Creek school system.

Jessica Eul is a commercial photo stylist for Target.

Nick Masters is a member of the International Cinematographers Guild making movies in Hollywood.

Therese Herrick designed footwear for Harley-Davidson and now travels the world designing for Merrill.

Kelsey Lefley has her own clothing line, Butter, sold in specialty stores and online.

Aron Lowe is a sculptor, printmaker, and winner of the Tulip Time Poster Award.

Abby McDuff is an art teacher in Chicago.

And the list goes on…

SDAC continues to support the arts in the Saugatuck Douglas and Fennville School Districts. It was calculated that since 1953, the SDAC has contributed more than $100,000 to community arts efforts and has expanded their reach to include the Chamber Music Festival, Lakeshore Arts Alliance, Art á Loan program, the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, and the Saugatuck Center for the Arts. This includes commissioning the sculpture of the puppeteer Burr Tillstrom that stands in the Village Square Park.

As described by SDAC President Annie Hayes, "The club also gives out stipends for the art programs to the Saugatuck Douglas School District, as well as Fennville Schools. These stipends supplement the school art programs, providing necessary supplies. They total several thousand dollars to the schools and help keep these programs robust and diverse as far as the student experiences with many mediums of art."

Hayes acknowledged the reality, "It is expensive to supply many mediums! Paints, clay, tools, equipment...on and on... can be out of reach for many school budgets. We aid in supporting these so teachers have the ability to provide their students with as much varied exposure and instruction that they can."

Experience has shown, "The art fairs are, by far, our primary source of revenue to fund these programs."

Scholarships and stipends are accompanied by other events. Hayes explained, "We offer free programs to the whole community once per month in the form of a lecture or hands on experience about art, types of art, such as weaving, wire, graphic art, etc., critiques, panels which discuss how they succeeded as artists, on and on. These programs are for artists as well as art appreciators, to give everyone the opportunity to expand art experience in their life."

The District Library also benefits. Hayes stated, "We also offer free art classes in partnership with the Saugatuck Douglas District Library in various art mediums. These classes allow beginners, as well as experienced artists, to explore their artistic skills."

All of these, and more, are funded or supplemented by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club.

"The scholarships and stipends can vary depending on how many students continue to draw their grant over the four years, and how many new students receive the scholarship (which I called a grant since it goes directly to the student)," continued Hayes. "This year we did give away scholarships that could total 16k in new awards. School stipends total over 7k. We have given away well over 400k in scholarships and stipends. The presenters of our programs and classes are given a stipend from the club."

SDAC does not take a percentage from artists at the art fairs. Money is generated from the registration fees and booth rentals, minus the expenses of putting on the show. Club membership fees are $35 / year for single membership, $50 for a dual membership. Members are offered a discounted spot at the member booth for the art fairs, if they want.

For additional information regarding the SDAC, the art fairs, and creating items for the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center at Mt. Baldhead, go to https://www.saugatuckdouglasartclub.org/.

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July art fairs planned in Saugatuck/Douglas

By Gari Voss

Artists and art enthusiasts are looking forward to the Waterfront Invitational Fine Art Fair and the Village Square Arts and Crafts Fair hosted by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club. Both events are juried, open-air events that showcase the work of fine artists and artisans in various media.

The Waterfront Invitational Art Fair fills the Park areas along the corner of Main and Butler Streets on Saturday, July 5, 2025, from 10am – 5pm.

The Village Square Arts & Craft Fair will be held in the park at the corner of Butler and Main Streets on Saturday July 26, 2025, from 10am-5pm.

The juried fairs ensure that pieces are originals or copies of originals created by the participating artists.

Visitors and Customers will be able to wander along the line of booths that offer paintings, photographs, ceramics, woodcrafts, jewelry, basketry, mixed media, fibers, mosaic, printmaking, and sculpture. The Saugatuck Village Square Park is centrally located, and booths are along walkways which enable easy access and walking.

The SDAC announced that Jon Vanderbeek will be judging the Waterfront Invitational this year. Jon has a 25-year background working in design studios and making things with his hands. Jon takes inspiration from natural history and science, making connections between things designed and things found in nature.

The winners of each show will be announced in the afternoon of the event.

The mission of the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club (SDAC) is to inspire and strengthen the artistic growth of the local visual arts community. What began as art exhibits in and around the Saugatuck Hall in 1953 turned into the original "Clothesline Art Shows" that displayed art hung on clotheslines. The shows were originally for members only but quickly expanded to include non-members and were held at various locations. These shows evolved into the current two main art fairs to support the arts.

When school budgets began to shrink in the 1970s, SDAC stepped forward by earmarking funds to supplement art supply budgets and programming in the elementary and high schools. By 1980, the formal scholarship emerged, and Saugatuck High School students majoring in the arts could apply for scholarship assistance.

Thus, the proceeds from July art fairs will be used to grant scholarships to students studying the arts and to support the arts in the Saugatuck and Douglas areas. Scholarship recipients may be given $4,000, or $1,000 per year for four years, if they are enrolled as full-time art majors at a degree-granting institution. It is estimated that over half a million dollars have been distributed through the scholarship fund.

Many of the recipients of the art scholarships have gone on to successfully pursue careers as practicing artists, performing artists, designers and art educators.

A few scholarship recipients who have been able to turn their art studies into careers include:

Katie Doucette has the Polka Dot Mitten.

Sean Eurich is an industrial designer who worked for Amway and now for Newell Brands designing Rubbermaid and Coleman products.

In July, the walks in the Saugatuck Village Square will be filled with all medium of art during the juried Art Fairs hosted by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club. The Waterfront Invitational Art Fair is July 5th, while the Village Square Arts and Crafts Show is Sat., July 26. Both fairs are open to visitors and art lovers from 10am – 5pm with winners being announced in the afternoon. Proceeds go to fund scholarships for art students and other projects

Allison Jenkins is a "Structural Wovens Designer" for Anthropologie.

Haley Krause is finishing her degree as a medical illustrator.

Zach Wallerius is an art teacher in the Battle Creek school system.

Jessica Eul is a commercial photo stylist for Target.

Nick Masters is a member of the International Cinematographers Guild making movies in Hollywood.

Therese Herrick designed footwear for Harley-Davidson and now travels the world designing for Merrill.

Kelsey Lefley has her own clothing line, Butter, sold in specialty stores and online.

Aron Lowe is a sculptor, printmaker, and winner of the Tulip Time Poster Award.

Abby McDuff is an art teacher in Chicago.

And the list goes on…

SDAC continues to support the arts in the Saugatuck Douglas and Fennville School Districts. It was calculated that since 1953, the SDAC has contributed more than $100,000 to community arts efforts and has expanded their reach to include the Chamber Music Festival, Lakeshore Arts Alliance, Art á Loan program, the Saugatuck-Douglas District Library, and the Saugatuck Center for the Arts. This includes commissioning the sculpture of the puppeteer Burr Tillstrom that stands in the Village Square Park.

As described by SDAC President Annie Hayes, "The club also gives out stipends for the art programs to the Saugatuck Douglas School District, as well as Fennville Schools. These stipends supplement the school art programs, providing necessary supplies. They total several thousand dollars to the schools and help keep these programs robust and diverse as far as the student experiences with many mediums of art."

Hayes acknowledged the reality, "It is expensive to supply many mediums! Paints, clay, tools, equipment...on and on...can be out of reach for many school budgets. We aid in supporting these so teachers have the ability to provide their students with as much varied exposure and instruction that they can."

Experience has shown, "The art fairs are, by far, our primary source of revenue to fund these programs."

Scholarships and stipends are accompanied by other events. Hayes explained, "We offer free programs to the whole community once per month in the form of a lecture or hands on experience about art, types of art, such as weaving, wire, graphic art, etc., critiques, panels which discuss how they succeeded as artists, on and on. These programs are for artists as well as art appreciators, to give everyone the opportunity to expand art experience in their life."

The District Library also benefits. Hayes stated, "We also offer free art classes in partnership with the Saugatuck Douglas District Library in various art mediums. These classes allow beginners, as well as experienced artists, to explore their artistic skills."

All of these, and more, are funded or supplemented by the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club.

"The scholarships and stipends can vary depending on how many students continue to draw their grant over the four years, and how many new students receive the scholarship (which I called a grant since it goes directly to the student)," continued Hayes. "This year we did give away scholarships that could total 16k in new awards. School stipends total over 7k. We have given away well over 400k in scholarships and stipends. The presenters of our programs and classes are given a stipend from the club."

SDAC does not take a percentage from artists at the art fairs. Money is generated from the registration fees and booth rentals, minus the expenses of putting on the show. Club membership fees are $35 / year for single membership, $50 for a dual membership. Members are offered a discounted spot at the member booth for the art fairs, if they want.

For additional information regarding the SDAC, the art fairs, and creating items for the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center at Mt. Baldhead, go to https://www.saugatuck-douglasartclub.org/.

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Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) announced they've been awarded a grant from the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) to establish a Children's Savings Account (CSA) program. With support from CEDAM, ACCF will be able to develop a CSA program in Allegan County, empowering students to pursue their choice of post-secondary pathways.

Michigan's CSA programs are community-led initiatives that establish community-wide support systems to encourage students, their families, and entire communities to dream big. CSA programs engage students and their families early on by enrolling them in a community-based savings or investment account where students and their families are encouraged to save and plan. These funds go on to provide financial support for students' endeavors after high school (whether that's college, a trade school, career training, or another form of schooling). As part of the Michigan CSA Network, these programs are located throughout the state.

The New Program Development & Administration Grant is specifically to develop, launch, and manage a CSA program, thereby expanding economic opportunities for Michigan's children. With this funding, ACCF plans to launch ***My Future Fund***, and will establish savings accounts beginning with 2025-2026 kindergarten students enrolled in **Allegan Public Schools**, **Fennville Public Schools**, and **Plainwell Community Schools** with an initial seed deposit of $65. Opportunities for incentives will be available annually. Monthly "Deposit Days" will be held at each participating elementary building for children to begin saving to learn! *My Future Fund*'s goals are to maximize educational assets for families, increase post-secondary enrollment rates, and to provide resources that encourage financial literacy to our young learners.

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(05-22)(06-26)

Notice of Foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on July 3, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Michael D. Williams and Jennifer D. Williams, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture Date of mortgage: July 9, 2015 Recorded on July 31, 2015, Book 3950, on Page 240. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-Four 87/100 Dollars $186,394.87 Mortgaged premises: Located in the Township of Otsego, Allegan County and described as: THE EAST 178.1 FEET OF THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST LYING SOUTH OF PINE CREEK ROAD, EXCEPT THE SOUTH 300 FEET THEREOF, ALSO COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD 665.9 FEET, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 51' EAST 170.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 39' WEST 0.09 FEET; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREES 00'15" WEST 169.86 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON SAID CENTERLINE 0.57 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON THE CENTERLINE OF SAID ROAD 665.9 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ON THE CENTERLINE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST 28.1 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 00'37" WEST ON THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 170.78 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 72 DEGREES 39' WEST 25.43 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 51' WEST 170.0 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, EXCEPT THAT PART OF THE EAST 178.1 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 22, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CENTERLINE OF JEFFERSON ROAD AND THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 22; THENCE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST ON SAID CENTERLINE 507.41 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID CENTERLINE NORTH 72 DEGREES 39' EAST 5.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 4 DEGREES 52'40" EAST 365.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 22'16" WEST ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTH 300 FEET OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 37.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 02'15" EAST PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 361.46 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1784 Jefferson Road Otsego MI 49078. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961 pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. ALAW 5404 Cypress Center Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33609 (813) 221-4743 24-031230.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Eric S. Swanson and Monica L. Swanson, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Advanta Finance Corp.

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

Date of Mortgage: April 12, 1999

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 19, 1999

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $47,675.20

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Charter Township of Gunplain, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 2, Town 1 North, Range 11 West; thence East, on the North

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Date of notice: June 5, 2025

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Paige Land, a married woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Austin Capital Bank, SSB

Date of Mortgage: October 20, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 31, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $275,495.67

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Ganges, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Section 20, Town 2 North, Range 16 West; thence East along the South section line 1542.96 feet to the Point of Beginning of this description; thence North 208.71 feet; thence East 208.71 feet; thence South 208.71 feet to the South Section line; thence West on said South Section line 208.71 feet to the Point of Beginning

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, July 17, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Christopher Menzel and Toni Menzel, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for BM Real Estate Services, Inc., its successors, and assigns , Mortgagee, dated February 8, 2022, and recorded on February 23, 2022, in Liber 4732, Page 874, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 03, 2025 and recorded June 04, 2025 in Liber 5038, Page 945, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Two and 20/100 ($250,532.20) including interest at the rate of 4.25000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 18, Summit Estates, a Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 2060, Page 216, and Amendments thereto, Allegan County Records, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 146, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and Amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 167 SUMMIT DRIVE, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 19, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00051-1

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Sean E. Reilly and Megan Reilly, a husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 22, 2016 Recorded on January 11, 2017, Liber 4104, on Page 359, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Three and 65/100 Dollars ($231,193.65) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 883.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING ON SAID NORTH LINE, 200.01 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 617.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS WEST 92.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY 107.42 FEET ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF FARMVIEW DRIVE; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST 626.76 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER THE SOUTH 10.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 43.00 FEET THEREOF. SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "X", AND A PRIVATE WALKWAY AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Y" AND AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AS DESCRIBED IN SCHEDULE "Z". SCHEDULE "X" DESCRIPTION: AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS, 66.00 FEET WIDE OVER THAT PART OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS WEST 572.21 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR SAID CENTERLINE, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST 49.47 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY 208.90 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 350.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 73 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 18 SECONDS EAST 205.81 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 208.71 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 350.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS SOUTH 73 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 205.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 106.92 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY 223.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 750.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE LEFT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 80 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 222.49 FEET; THENCE EASTERLY 223.31 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF A 750.00 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, THE CHORD OF WHICH BEARS NORTH 80 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST 222.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 92.95 FEET TO REFERENCE POINT "A" AND THE POINT OF ENDING FOR SAID CENTERLINE. ALSO A DRIVE EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER A 20.00 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND IN THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THE CENTERLINE OF WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT AFORESAID REFERENCE POINT "A", THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 36 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING FOR SAID CENTERLINE. ALSO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER A 60.00 FOOT RADIUS TURNAROUND, THE CENTER POINT BEING THE AFORESAID REFERENCE POINT "A". SCHEDULE "Y" DESCRIPTION: A PRIVATE EASEMENT FOR WALKWAY OVER THE SOUTH 95.00 FEET OF THE NORTH 128.00 FEET OF THE EAST 1250.88 FEET OF THE WEST 1283.88 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST. SCHEDULE "Z" DESCRIPTION: AN EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE OVER THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 13, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 33.00 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 33.00 FEET PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 34 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 95.00 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF BEELINE ROAD (66.00 FEET WIDE); THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 450.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 24 SECONDS EAST 14.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEGREES 31 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 122.21 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST 52.82 FEET; THENCE NORTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 247.90 FEET; THENCE NORTH 36 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 142.34 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 58 MINUTES 26 SECONDS WEST 1250.06 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 144TH AVENUE (66.00 FEET WIDE) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 6177 Farmview Dr, Holland, MI 49423 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
Estate of JEFFREY S. LARRABEE
Date of Birth: February 16, 1963
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JEFFREY S. LARRABEE, who lived at 43 42nd St., Bloomingdale, MI 49026, died on August 6, 2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JOSEPH L. LARRABEE, Personal Representatives of the Estate of JEFFREY S. LARRABEE, ALLEGAN COUNTY FILE #: 2025-65628-DA, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Personal Representative:
Joseph S. Larrabee
Address:
105 42nd St.
Bloomingdale, MI 49026
Attorney:
Oliver S. Howell (P81470)
Address:
HOWELL PARFET SCHAU
350 East Michigan Ave., Ste. 500
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
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(269) 382-5300
Court Address:
Allegan County Probate Court
113 Chestnut St.
Allegan, MI 49010

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65635-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Barbara Jean Dreyer Date of Birth:*October 26, 1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara Jean Dreyer , died February 28, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to XXX, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
Thomas J. Hillegonds P74216
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Holland, MI 49423
(616) 392-1821
Dawn Westveld
3773 Bent Ridge Drive
Hamilton, MI 49419
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ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS Trust

In the matter of the Glenn E. Slenk Living Trust established June 3, 2003, restated December 17, 2009, amended December 21, 2021

Glenn Eugene Slenk was the grantor of the Trust and his date of birth was March 21, 1928.

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Glenn Eugene Slenk, died February 3, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to

Judith G. Nykamp, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Jeffrey K. Helder P30260
321 Settlers Road
Holland, MI 49423
616-392-1821
Judith G. Nykamp
1184 Birdie Lane
Holland, MI 49423
616-204-4215

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 2025-65533-DE and JUDGE Jolene A. Clearwater

Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010

Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Menno Evans Fairbanks Date of Birth:*October 3, 1946

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Menno Evans Fairbanks , died February 12, 2025 .

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paul E. Fairbanks, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Cunningham Dalman, P.C.
P. Haans Mulder
P61842
321 Settlers Road
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Paul E. Fairbanks
321 Sherwood Avenue
Staunton, VA 24401
(717) 398-1739

NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST

In the Matter of Carolyn Kay Hirdes (decedent)

Date of Birth: January 7, 1941

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Carolyn Kay Hirdes who lived at 3204 140th Ave, Dorr, MI 49323, died on January 26, 2025. There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

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Public Notices

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent, decedent's estate and/or the Carolyn Kay Hirdes Revocable Living Trust u/a/d December 14, 2005, as amended ("Trust") will be forever barred unless presented to Matthew J. Hirdes, Trustee of the Trust within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the trust will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Dated: June 18, 2025
Matthew J. Hirdes, Trustee
3204 140th Ave
Dorr, MI 49323
James L. Koetje (P32089)
LAW OFFICES OF JAMES L. KOETJE, P.C.
Attorney for Successor Trustee
4095 Chicago Drive, SW, Suite 105
Grandville, MI 49418
616-534-9637

STATE OF MICHIGAN
48TH CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
ALLEGAN COUNTY
CASE NO. 25-70494-NA PETITION NO. I
PUBLICATION OF HEARING
Court Address: 113 Chestnut, Allegan, MI 49010
TO:ALLEGAN COUNTY NEWS
241 HUBBARD STREET
ALLEGAN, MI 49010
IN THE MATTER OF: JOVIA PAYNE

A hearing regarding PUTATIVE FATHER HEARING will be conducted by the court on JULY 17, 2025 at 2:00 PM in ALLEGAN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION - 113 CHESTNUT ST, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 before REFEREE KASSON. You have the right to an attorney and the right to a trial by a judge or jury.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that LEROY HOOPER AND/OR ANY POSSIBLE UNKNOWN OR PUTATIVE FATHERS OF JOVIA PAYNE BORN 5/17/2025 TO MOTHER-SYLVIA PAYNE personally appear before the court at the time and place stated above. This hearing may result in the Termination of your parental rights. 113 Chestnut St. Allegan, MI 49010, Family Division.

Dated:
6/17/25
Judge Jolene A. Clearwater (P74848)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedents Trust Estate
File No.
Decedent: ROY A. CARLSON Date of Birth: April 7, 1938
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, ROY A. CARLSON, who lived at 605 Miller Road, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, died March 26, 2025 . There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against ROY A. CARLSON or THE ROY A. CARLSON TRUST dated August 13, 1996, as amended and restated in total on December 14, 2011, will be forever barred unless presented to Margie C. Carlson, the named successor trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

June 16, 2025
Olivia A. Kurajian P87269
DeMent and Marquardt, PLC
211 E. Water Street, Suite 401
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(269) 343-2106
Margie C. Carlson
605 Miller Road
Plainwell, MI 49080
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Ronald Ray Holcomb
Date of Birth:*1/5/1954
TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Ray Holcomb, died 12/21/2024.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to XXX, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Danielle Rakoloski
626 124th Ave
Shelbyville, MI 49344
269 525-8533

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Shiann J. Kidder, an unmarried woman Original Mortgagee: Top Flite Financial, Inc. Date of mortgage: June 12, 2024 Recorded on June 13, 2024, Liber 4950, on Page 95, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Eight and 83/100 Dollars ($152,698.83) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: PARCEL 1 COMMENCING AT A POINT AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST END THE CENTERLINE OF THE SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD, AS A PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE SOUTH ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE, 320 FEET; THENCE DIRECTLY WEST TO THE CENTER OF SAID SO-CALLED GUN MARSH ROAD; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD TO POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT: PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 1328.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 36 TO THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 203.13 FEET ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 89.24 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 124.77 FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 29 SECONDS EAST, 36.56 FEET ALONG SAID CENTERLINE; THENCE SOUTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST, 109.04 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. PARCEL 2 PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 36, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 11 WEST, MARTIN TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN; DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36: THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, 1328.28 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 36 TO THE EAST 1/8 LINE OF SECTION 36; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND EAST, 203.13 FEET ALONG SAID 1/8 LINE TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 73 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST, 89.24 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 26 MINUTES 21 SECONDS EAST, 85.68 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 35 MINUTES 01 SECOND WEST, 25.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 1217 Marsh Rd, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on August 07, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Hansard E. Roper, A Married Man & Sara Roper, his Wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 28, 2006 Recorded on August 4, 2006, Liber 3018, on Page 410, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Bank of America, N.A. as successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-One and 57/100 Dollars ($54,941.57) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: BEGINNING 411 FEET WEST AND 60 FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTH 1/4 POST OF SECTION 3, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, TOWNSHIP OF CLYDE, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS A PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT; THENCE WEST 100 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 300 FEET; THENCE EAST 100 FEET; THENCE NORTH 300 FEET TO THE PLACE OF COMMENCEMENT. Commonly known as 5314 124th Ave, Fennville, MI 49408 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Bank of America, N.A. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, August 7, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by William Tom Beasley, Married Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Union Home Mortgage Corp., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated May 13, 2022, and recorded on June 8, 2022, in Liber 4768, Page 747, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage dated April 28, 2025 and recorded May 05, 2025 in Liber 5030, Page 343, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Seven and 08/100 ($256,297.08) including interest at the rate of 4.75000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4 and the Northwesterly 25 feet of Lot 5, Weny Addition to the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 39. Commonly known as: 633 MARSHALL ST, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: June 26, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00256-1

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

June 26, 1950

Legionnaires paint Doc's house: "Doc" Ernest Wood has a few new problems these days, but they are pleasant ones.

When directing people to his neat little dwelling on Dix Street in Otsego, he formerly said, "It's the little unpainted house between the white houses on Dix."

Now, he is forced to figure out another way of directing company.

The change was brought by a "bee" organized by the Burdick-Guest post number 239 of Otsego. They felt they owed Doc something special for his past services to the organization.

Doc was partially disabled from a wound he received in World War 1. He was with the well-known Red Arrow division. Many trips to hospitals have failed to put Wood's foot in tiptop shape. Although he is not a complainer, he has to admit "it's pretty bothersome most of the time."

So the "boys" of the Legion Hall put their heads together after the last meeting and decided to surprise Doc by visiting him with paint brushes, paint and other equipment to decorate his house.

June 26, 1975

Julie is Miss Michigan!: Julie Ann Beckers is Miss Michigan.

The attractive 18-year-old Allegan High School June graduate won the title Saturday night at the Miss Michigan Scholarship Pageant in the L.C. Walker Sports Arena in Muskegon from a bevy of 33 talented beauties, many of them pageant veterans.

Second-youngest contestant in Saturday night's extravaganza, Miss Beckers won the hearts of five longtime judges, who during a news conference following the coronation indicated they were captivated by her wholesome, vibrant appearance and her forthright and candid interviews.

The new Miss Michigan did not win a preliminary talent or swimsuit contest either Thursday or Friday night and dancers often are not favorite contenders, but Allegan County's Harvest Queen was chosen the state's official representative for the next year.

In a back-and-white costume, she performed the same modern jazz dance to "2001: A Space Odyssey" that judges of the local pageants favored.

June 29, 2000

AGH opens new PT building: After years of discussion and nearly 18 months of planning and construction, the Health and Fitness Center on the Allegan General Hospital campus has opened.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center was held Wednesday, June 21.

Honored at the ceremony were two former hospital board members, William Nahikian and Les Tooman, who were present and given plaques in appreciation of their many contributions.

State representative Patty Birkholz said she couldn't miss the opportunity to pay tribute to the two.

"I wanted to be here to honor my two good friends," said Birkholz, who then addressed Nahikian and Tooman directly. "I'm so proud of all you've done for the hospital and the community."

For physical therapy department manager Len Fazio, who will run the center, the day was a dream come true. In the last number of years, he said, the center became not only a dream, but, due to an increased patient load, a needed addition to the community.

"We've been talking about this for many years," he said. "Particularly our volumes had grown significantly over the past five years. We were operating in a space that was too small for the people we see.

"Now, we're in an appropriately sized building and it's really nice to deliver service in a situation like this."

June 25, 2020

Labor of love: Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity builds in Hamilton: When screening potential candidates to be part of its home-build project, Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity looks for individuals and families who are willing to be active participants in the process.

"We really believe in the value of giving someone a hand up rather than a hand out," Lakeshore development director Dave Rozman said. "We work with people who have housing needs and are willing to contribute to rectifying that situation."

Rosman said his organization found such a partner in Hamilton resident Julie Cadman.

Cadman, a single mother of four children, took part in a Wall Raising Celebration on Monday, June 22, as the building of her family's new home officially got underway.

Cadman said the importance of helping others is one of the values she's worked hard to instill in her children and is grateful that Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity is offering that kind of help to her family.

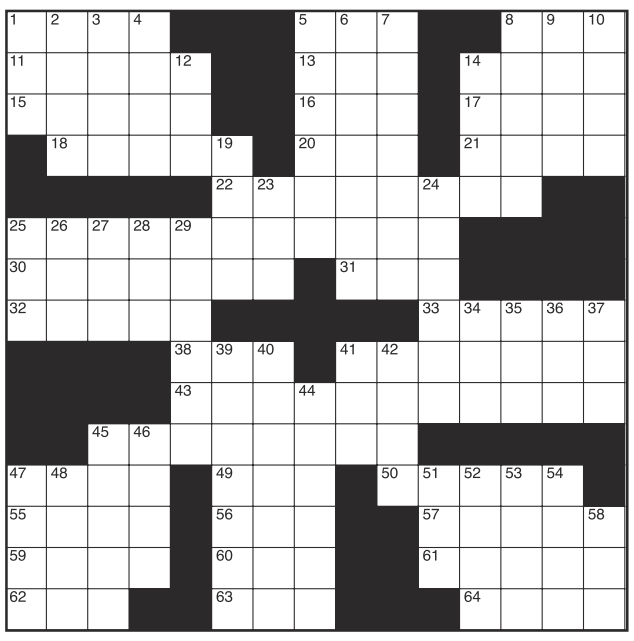
"Having the stability of a home will allow me to do so much more giving back again and will help in teaching my kids that doing things for other people is a blessing in itself," Cadman said.

The Cadman family's involvement with Lakeshore started with the application process. The home will be the 153rd build by Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

It is the first home in Hamilton since 2014.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Computer manufacturer
5. Noted space station
8. Kurt Russell film ÒCaptainÓ
11. Automaton
13. Everyone has one
14. Incline from the vertical
15. Fights
16. Dunn & Bradstreet (abbr.)
17. Finishes off
18. Places to store things
20. Dutch painter Gerard __
21. Smaller quantity
22. ThereÕs a North, South and Central of these
25. In an early way
30. More spacious
31. Short-term memory
32. One who possesses
33. Sesame
38. Forbid
41. A way to explain
43. Not around
45. Evoke or suggest
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Dekameter
50. Fencing sword
55. ÒLutherÓ actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Hong Kong food stall: __ pai dong
63. Not the start
64. Post

CLUES DOWN
1. Creative expression
2. Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
3. City in ancient Syria
4. College army
5. More disturbed
6. Pays no attention to
7. Restored
8. Competitions
9. Lyric poems
10. Famed American lawman
12. Expression of disappointment
14. Scars
19. Satisfy
23. Central European river
24. Brass instrument
25. One who gets paid to perform
26. Propel with oars
27. Long period of time
28. Woman (French)
29. Type of plane
34. Pitching stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Pro sports league
37. Body part
39. Inoffensive
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Feline
42. Does not tell the truth
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Tributary of the High Rhine
52. Prejudice
53. C. European river
54. Restrain
58. Father

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Deaths

May 16, 2025
MARK EDWARD BOWERS, 62, Allegan

May 19, 2025
JOSEPH MICHAEL KING-ULLEG, 36, Lee Twp.

May 31, 2025
LINDA ELLEN HAMMOND, 84, Laketown Twp.

June 2, 2025
MARION DARLING, 84, Douglas

June 3, 2025
MARK FREDERICK SCHWARTZLANDER, 71, Plainwell

June 4, 2025
THERESA LYN HOPKINS, 57, Manlius Twp.

June 5, 2025
PATRIC JOHN MARKOSKI, 72, Monterey Twp.

June 6, 2025
CLINTON COBURN, 83, Cheshire Twp.
DAVID WILLIAM HENDERSON, 80, Saugatuck Twp.

June 7, 2025
JASON CARL BAILEY, 50, Trowbridge Twp.
DENNIS HENRY ATTAR, 78, Saugatuck Twp.

June 8, 2025
ANTHONY EUGENE CRITTENDEN SR, 72, Otsego Twp.
DANIEL HERMAN IGNATOSKI, 68, Dorr Twp.

June 9, 2025
FREDERICK MILLER LLOYD, 85, Allegan

June 10, 2025
GARY LEE FIELHAUER, 67, Cheshire Twp.
THOMAS FAIRBANKS VANDENBERG, 84, allegan

June 11, 2025
DAVID JULIUS KREIGH, 93, Allegan Twp.
BURT ARTHUR TAYLOR, 84, Laketown Twp.
JOE GARRY TALLEY, 78, Holland

June 12, 2025
DANIEL KENNETH KIRBY, 78, Allegan

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between June 10 and June 18:

MICHAEL JOHN CONKLIN, Dorr, and **PAIGE JULIA HAGER**, Dorr

AHMINAH MARIE MCBRIDE, Otsego, and **SPENCER DAVID JAMES COLE**, Grand Rapids

NATALIE FAYE JING BLOSS, Saugatuck, and **WESLEY LERONG CHEN**, Pittsburg

SUNA DAWN STEPHENS BOWDEN, Otsego, and **THOMAS EARL BLANCHARD**, Otsego

HAILEY MARIE CASSADA, Plainwell, and **JOHN ROBERT CAMERUCI**, Martin

ABIGAIL ROSE ERNST, Plainwell, and **JOSHUA TAYLOR STUTSMAN**, Plainwell

JESSICA LYNN SHEFFIELD, Fennville, and **ALBERTO FRANKIE MARTINEZ**, Fennville

ANGEL MARIE ZUPIN, Wayland, and **PARKER ALLEN MCGUIGAN**, Wayland

ALEXIS JESUS SANCHEZ, Fennville, and **KATERI MELISA MALDONADO MALDONADO**, Zeeland

MERRY KATELYN HUGHES, Plainwell, and **TROY LEE NELSON**, Galesburg

BENJAMIN HENRY ARBANAS, Wayland, and **KAYLA LYNN MOORE**, Wayland

DESIRAE JOY MOYER, Allegan, and **TRISTAN JACOB MOHRLAND**, Allegan

TREVOR JOHN BARTZ, Dorr, and **JENNIFER ROSE HIELKEMA**, Dorr

MIA ANN LEECE, Allegan, and **JON MICHAEL SPRAGUE**, Allegan

ALEXIS MARIE TIMM, Wayland, and **ZACHARY JOHN SMITH**, Wayland

TODD WAUGIN KLANN JR, Allegan, and **GRACE ANNMARIE MEADE**, Otsego

LISA MARIE CARLSON, Allegan, and **BRIAN THOMAS OUELLETTE**, Allegan

JAMES FRANK BURNS JR, Plainwell, and **SAMANTHA DANIELLE LAMORANDIER**, Scotts

SUDOKU

Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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RELIGION SECTION

When a church, synagogue, mosque or other religious building is damaged or vandalized, invariably it is a major news story. There are several reasons for this. First, it is something of a rarity or novelty, and that alone usually makes it newsworthy. Second, even if we are not a member of that religion, or any religion, there is something very disquieting and repugnant about a sacred place being intentionally damaged. We are repulsed because we believe it is wrong.

You and I also have many things that we consider to be sacred. For example, after a natural disaster, television stations send reporters to the site, often showing survivors pick through the rubble for something they can salvage. Family photographs rank the highest. Even though photographs are pieces of paper, they tell the story of the family, loved ones, important events, and even ordinary days. They are a tangible and visual connection with the past. They are something we can hold in our hands or press against our chest in a hug, as well as we remember a special moment.

Our collection of sacred things goes well beyond the photographs. They could be anything, from old tools in the garage - but the tools a beloved family member used to build something. Or cookbooks, toys, or almost anything else. Someone estimated that in every home there are 30,000 or more objects. Some of us, I am sure, are over-achievers.

We know that nothing lasts forever. Sooner or later all of our possessions will disappear, whether in a disaster or be given away after our death, sent off to a thrift shop, end up in a garage sale, or be tossed out in the trash. That can leave us with a cringe-worthy feeling, even if we know we cannot keep everything and pass it on to someone who already has a substantial stash of their own objects.

At best, we can delay the process a while longer. A few years ago, Pat wrote a brief message to her sons about a Christmas crèche she received in 1932 when she was a girl growing up in Chicago. She saw the crèche in the show window of Carson, Pirie, and Scott and thought it was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen. Her parents got it for her, and we have displayed it each year, always being certain the message was included in the storage box at the end of the season. Someday, it will be passed on to her children and grandchildren as a way of remembering her.

Those moments are important to us - a few selected treasures to be kept in the family. Far more importantly, for each of us, it is seeing these objects, remembering, and giving thanks to God for all of the good things we have experienced. Those are 'love notes' from God, and remembering and thanking Him is the most important thing we can do.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:30 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Haven Church
PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

M-40 North Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Nathan Strom
Church: 673-4412

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
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223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
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Otsego, MI 49078
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805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
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269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
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672-7097 - Church office
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269-664-4345
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716 Academy St, Allegan
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Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
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269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

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355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

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1652 M-40 North, Allegan
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

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